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'CW extension decision out before end of 2013'

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Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said yesterday that the U.S. Department of Labor made a commitment to decide before the end of 2013 whether or not to extend the transitional CW program beyond Dec. 31, 2014, months ahead of the July deadline for such a decision.

» **Delegate: If immigration reform bill violates Covenant, issue should be brought to court, not Congress**

"They could have waited until July of next year to decide. Businesses and workers here need as much time as possible to plan ahead. It's important to our economy... They are going to make a decision this year," Sablan said in an interview.

The delegate reiterated that he has not been given any reason not to extend the CW program "but I cannot tell you that they have decided to extend it." "I helped get the department to make that commitment," he added.

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E-Land's MRI, Honest Profit on DPL's 'short list'

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Of the five investors that responded to the Department of Public Lands' first-of-its-kind request for proposal to lease public lands in San Antonio, two made it to the short list: Micronesia Resort Inc., which is associated with South Korean investment giant E-Land, and the Hong Kong-based

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ARBOR, SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider is assisted by Saipan Municipal Council chair Ramon B. Camacho, left, and Division of Environmental Quality personnel in Halloween costumes in planting a sapling on Capitol Hill after a proclamation signing declaring November 2013 as CNMI Arbor, Soil and Water Conservation Month.

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Hofschneider to run as Tinian senator in 2014

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After months of dodging the question, acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that he will run again for a Senate seat representing Tinian in the 2014 elections.



Hofschneider

Gov. Eloy S. Inos is off-island and Hofschneider as lieutenant governor automatically becomes the CNMI's acting governor until Inos' return this weekend.

"I am seeking reelection as a senator. There's still work to do and I would still like to be able to serve the people," Hofschneider said in an interview after plant-

ing trees and signing yesterday afternoon a proclamation declaring November 2013 CNMI Arbor, Soil and Water Conservation Month.

Hofschneider served in the 15th, 16th, and 17th Senate. He sought re-election in 2012 and secured a seat in the 18th Senate in January this year, becoming the Senate president.

However, the turn of events that cul-
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Implementation of Obamacare: Perfect storm waiting to happen

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Healthcare insurers in the CNMI and other U.S. territories are expected to be in a bind come January 2014 when the full brunt of the Affordable Care Act takes affect.

ACA, otherwise known as healthcare reform or Obamacare, is a federal statute that aims to increase the quality and affordability of health insurance, lower the uninsured rate by expanding public and private insurance coverage, and reduce the costs of healthcare for individuals and the government.

However, Eric Plinske, Staywell Insurance branch manager for Saipan, said the Commonwealth, Guam, and other U.S. territories are at a disadvantage because a conflict in the definition of what constitutes the United States excludes them from some of the important mandates of the law while requiring them to not discriminate on coverage.

"We have a huge dilemma here in the territories where a lot of things don't apply and, unless it's challenged in court, we're stuck with it," he said Tuesday as guest speaker of the Rotary Club of Saipan's weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Plinske said he actually likes the ACA if the territories were treated the same as U.S. mainland states.

"The whole purpose of healthcare reform was to tell insurance companies to stop doing a lot of things and start covering more things. However, you can't tell the industry to do that without giving some balance to it. That's where the mandates come in so we could have all these new people in the market—younger and healthier who say they don't need insur-

ance—and ACA will make them get it to spread risk across this healthier bloc of business and having exchanges with premium subsidies from the federal government to help people better afford healthcare."

The problem with the territories, however, is that none of these apply here, he said.

"You got a teeter-totter on this side that went like that and all our protection and ability to spread risk because of this inconsistency on the law and conflict on definition of states."

Uneven plane

He said another challenge facing the territories is that the federal government gave all the states and the District of Columbia a lot of money to set up exchanges and operate them with subsidies to help people between 100-400

percent of the federal poverty level afford their premiums and sometimes even pay for them completely.

For the territories, they only gave the CNMI and Guam \$9 million and \$24 million respectively, Plinske said.

He said Guam did a study on what it would cost if they set up an exchange and they estimated that they will need \$70 million a year for subsidies.

"Each of the governors on the territories had a choice—take the money and set up an exchange and run it or don't set up the exchange and take the extra money from Medicaid. So, guess what all the governors are doing? They said forget the exchange we can't afford it."

One-legged stool

Plinske said the ACA was based on three foundations: individual employer mandates to get all people insured, the premium cost sharing subsidies with the

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Plinske

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Kabir, Barcinas, PSS agree to vacate harassment suit's trial

The parties in a security guard's sexual harassment lawsuit against Hopwood Junior High School principal Jonas Barcinas have reached an agreement to set aside the scheduled trial of the case.

Plaintiff Homayan Kabir, Barcinas, and the Public School System, through their respective counsels, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday to vacate the jury trial scheduled for Nov. 18, 2013.

The parties cited as reasons recent developments in the case, including the appearance of a new counsel for PSS, attorney Adam Hardwicke, and the production by PSS of documents previously unknown

to Kabir.

The parties did not disclose the type of PSS documents produced.

The parties asked the court to also vacate the pre-trial conference scheduled for Nov. 7, 2013. They instead, requested for a status conference.

Attorney Joseph Horey is counsel for Kabir. Assistant attorney general David Lochabay is counsel for Barcinas.

Barcinas has denied making any sexual advances on Kabir.

Kabir alleged that Barcinas, who was then principal of Dandan Elementary School during his employment, sexually harassed him by making repeated advances on him. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Swift Air execs seek permanent stop to Saipan Air suit

Three executives of Swift Air LLC have asked the federal court to permanently stop Saipan Air from pursuing its \$50-million racketeering lawsuit against them.

In a motion for permanent injunction filed Wednesday, Donald A. Stukes, Jeffrey Conry, and Boris Van Lier, through counsel Michael White, asserted that Saipan Air's continued pursuit of its claims in the lawsuit "runs afoul" of Swift Air's reorganization plan and should be stopped.

White noted that the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona had already approved on Oct. 1, 2013, Swift Air's plan of reorganization.

That plan, White said, includes a supplemental injunction that bars Swift Air's credi-

tors from "commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind" against a released party that is "based upon, attributable to, arising out of or relating to" any claimed right to payment from Swift, the debtor.

White said the bankruptcy court has determined that the reorganization plan complies with all requirements of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code.

White pointed out that Saipan Air actively participated in the bankruptcy proceedings that resulted in the reorganization plan. Saipan Air chaired the creditors' committee and, through Adam Ferguson, voted to accept the confirmed plan, he said.

"Through this lawsuit,

Saipan Air is attempting to circumvent the bankruptcy proceedings in the District of Arizona," the lawyer added.

With the filing of the motion for permanent injunction, the defendants also requested the federal court to postpone the settlement conference set for Monday, Nov. 4, on Saipan, and the depositions of Conry and Van Lier, currently scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 5 and 6, also on Saipan.

If the court grants their motion for permanent injunction, Saipan Air's lawsuit would be permanently stopped and effectively dismissed, which would make all scheduled proceedings moot, White said.

Conry and Van Lier recently asked the court to postpone the

scheduled depositions, citing their ongoing efforts to emerge from bankruptcy. The federal court subsequently moved the depositions of Conry and Van Lier to Nov. 5 and 6.

Saipan Air is suing Stukes, Conry, Van Lier, Hank Robert and 10 unnamed co-defendants for allegedly conspiring to fraudulently obtain money and other property from Saipan Air.

Last February, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ruled that the federal court has personal jurisdiction over each of the three defendants because they purposely availed of the privilege of conducting activities in the CNMI and Saipan Air's fraud claim arises from those activities. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

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exchange to make it easier and more affordable, and insurance companies add benefits and stop doing practices like denying pre-existing conditions.

However, in the CNMI, Guam, and other U.S. territories, insurance companies are forced to implement the law unevenly.

"So what we have here is a one-legged stool and that is rife for what we call in the insurance industry as adverse selection."

In layman's terms, adverse selection is when people get an insurance policy only because they are unhealthy.

Plinske said a perfect analogy is when a person gets into a car accident that amounts to \$10,000 in repairs but he has no car insurance. Under the ACA, he is still allowed to apply for car insurance even after

the fact that he almost totaled his car and the insurance company would still have to foot the repairs. What's worse, he is allowed to cancel that insurance anytime he wants to after the insurance company already fixed the car.

"So we have no exchanges and we have no mandates for everyone to get insurance but the insurance companies are told to do all of this new things and take on that risk. That's where we're in. Anyone with common sense knows it doesn't work. We're just plowing through it and it's what I call a perfect storm."

All bets are off

It gets worse as under the ACA, benefits such as transplants and air ambulance can jack up premium rates to as much as 50 percent. He said air ambulance costs \$45,000 a roundtrip.

"Next year all bets are off and expect at least a 20-25 percent increase in your premiums."

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SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

Lao Lao Bay restoration campaign mascot Lulu pose with officials, advocates, and other supporters after the signing of a proclamation declaring November 2013 as CNMI Arbor, Soil and Water Conservation Month at the Office of the Governor conference room on Capital Hill.

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E-LAND

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Honest Profit International Ltd.

These two investors will have a chance to lease 40,827 square meters of public land in San Antonio to develop a new hotel with at least 200 rooms.

As of yesterday, however, the Evaluation and Selection Committee has yet to release a short list of those that can lease two other public lots in Marpi, also for hotel development.

The committee was created to

independently review and evaluate the submitted proposals for RFP13-DPL-127.

DPL Secretary Pete A. Tenorio, in separate letters dated Oct. 30, notified Honest Profit International Ltd. director Sam Chan and Micronesia Resort Inc. chief operating officer Tae Ho Kim that their respective companies qualify as one of the short-listed companies for Lot Number 00 I 40 in San Antonio.

MRI, under E-Land, also owns Pacific Islands Club and Coral Ocean Point.

Tenorio, one of the five members of the evaluation and selection panel, said the next process is to invite MRI and Honest Profit for a Nov. 22 presentation and interview related to their proposal.

Honest Profit's presentation and interview is set for 1pm on Nov. 22. For MRI, it's at 3pm on the same day. Both will be at DPL's office in Dandan.

The interview and presentation, where the investors may present their proposal with the use of visual materials and others, will last about one-

and-a-half hours.

"The Department of Public Lands congratulates you on your excellent proposal and looks forward to your interview and presentation. Thank you for showing your interest in helping develop our economy," Tenorio told Chan and Kim.

The review committee includes representatives from DPL, Zoning Office, departments of Public Works and Commerce, and the Marianas Visitors Authority.

Tenorio also sent out letters

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minated in former governor Benigno R. Fitial's resignation on Feb. 20 cut short Hofschneider's Senate presidency because he ascended to the position of lieutenant governor when then Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos became governor.

Hofschneider, as Senate president in February, signed a writ of summons to Fitial to appear before the Senate and respond to the charges and requests for subpoenas and other documents. The House impeached Fitial on 18 charges of corruption, felony, and neglect of duty.

A day after Hofschneider

signed that letter, Fitial resigned. That was days before the March 7 start of his impeachment trial at the Senate.

"I'm very honored to serve as lieutenant governor and I would like to continue serving the people again as a senator if given another chance by the people of Tinian. We have seen economic activities in the CNMI but we are still in a very fragile state," Hofschneider added.

In July, Hofschneider's friends and supporters held a birthday fundraiser for him but at the time, there was no telling which political position he was gunning for when he runs in November 2014. Earlier, it was a choice between running as a Tinian mayor or as a senator once again.

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The government and the private sector have asked for a five-year extension of the transitional Commonwealth-only worker program.

Without an extension beyond 2014, the CNMI loses immediate access to some 12,000 skilled and professional foreign workers that the tourism-based economy has relied upon for years, as the U.S. worker pool remains limited to take on most of these jobs.

In September, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security capped at 14,000 the number of foreign workers under the CW program in fiscal year 2014, a 6.66-percent cut from the current 15,000 cap.

The number of foreign workers under the CW program will drastically drop to zero after Dec. 31, 2014 unless extended.

'Immigration bills'

Sablan said yesterday that rather than spend time responding to "politicking" by some of his detractors, he will keep on "working to make people's lives better."

Sablan said if some people in the CNMI believe that the two comprehensive immigration reform bills currently pending in Congress—U.S. Senate S. 744 and U.S. House H.R. 15—violate the Covenant between the Northern Marianas and the United States, then they should bring the issue to the courts and not Congress.

"Some people have argued that it violates the Covenant. If it did, then the venue to go to for that is the courts, not Congress. If it did, then the federal courts would have found Public Law 110-229 violates the Covenant; the court hasn't," he said.

Sablan also said the decision whether the federal government has any say on immigration policy "was made in 1975, when people overwhelmingly—by 79 percent—approved the Covenant."

The Northern Marianas Descendant Corp., led by its president Ana S. Teregeyo, reiterated this week its position that S. 744 infringes on the NMI's Covenant agreement with the United States, "pertaining to the rights and benefits of the indigenous population."

The NMD Corp., which claims to represent at least 7,500 individuals of Northern Marianas descent, asked Sablan for a meeting on S. 744 "within seven days."

However, other people of Northern Marianas descent have been saying that the NMD Corp. led by Teregeyo, Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), and former representative Daniel Quitagua, among others, does not represent them.

'Inflated'

The NMD Corp. claims there would be 14,000 foreigners that could apply for green card, and then citizenship.

"I don't know where they got the numbers," Sablan said, adding that this is such an "inflated" number.

He added that many people would have been in the CNMI for 30 years or so "by the time they even get a chance to apply for a change of status."

Sablan said if there's no CNMI language in the immigration reform bills, "then we would have a problem."

Just the same, he said immigration reform is a big "if" this year.

"But I say this much. If Speaker Boehner were to place S. 744 on the floor today, it has enough votes to pass. If anybody has any objection to any parts of the Senate S. 744, then they should address it to the senators. They need to go and give the senators seven days to meet with them or else the sky is gonna fall," he added.

What matters most

Sablan said there are a lot more important things for the lives of CNMI people than the politics played by some.

One of them includes raising food stamp benefits. The U.S. House and Senate began yesterday a conference committee on a FARM bill, and the conferees included a \$33 million program to bring the CNMI into the national food stamp program over the next five years. Sablan has been pushing for the CNMI's inclusion in the SNAP.

"That will be money in our economy—good for business, creating jobs. That will be good for the people who need help feeding their families," he said.

Last week, the House passed the Water Resources Reform and Development Act, which

included Sablan's provision doubling the waiver of the local match that the CNMI has to pay for U.S. Army Corps of Engineers projects in the Commonwealth—from \$200,000 to \$400,000.

Sablan said the hospital remains open and certified because of the hard work of the people at the hospital and the over \$20 million they have gotten in new Medicaid money from the Affordable Care Act.

"I helped get that money at a meeting with the president of the United States in the White House. And there's another \$80 million in the bank whenever the hospital draws it down," he said.

The delegate added that the Kagman Community Center also exists because of people's hard work and because of the Affordable Care Act.

Sablan was one of 16 people who introduced legislation that made more students eligible for Pell grants and raised the amount of the grant.

"But also, when NMC [Northern Marianas College] was in danger of losing its accreditation this year, I helped them get meetings with the Department of Education," he said.

He also cited other developments including getting the long-awaited submerged lands bill to Obama's desk at a time when there was gridlock.

"So, again, I am not interested in playing politics. I am working to make people's lives better," he added.

FAS nonimmigrants

Sablan wrote a letter to Gov. Eloy S. Inos, seeking his recommendations for methodologies to practically account for services rendered to nonimmigrants from the Freely Associated States.

FAS citizens are those from Palau, the Marshall Islands, and the Federated States of Micronesia's Pohnpei, Yap, Chuuk, and Kosrae.

This is in line with Section 13 of S. 1237 or the Omnibus Territories Act of 2013, which permits the CNMI and other jurisdictions the use of certain expenditures attributable to the presence of FAS nonimmigrants as offsets of local matching requirements for federal grants.

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider said yesterday he has not seen Sablan's letter yet.

The governor is currently in Hong Kong to meet with prospective investors, Hofschneider said. House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan) accompanied the governor and they are expected to be back on Saturday.

Sablan said in refining the language in Section 13, the U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is interested in defining how these expenditures will be accounted for by all U.S. territorial governments. He said the accounting of the costs of providing services to FAS nonimmigrants has been problematic.

Territorial governments have not always made a distinction between nonimmigrants who arrived before the Compact

with any FAS went into effect, nor fully accounted for in the form of payment, in the form of taxes by these nonimmigrants for services used.

Sablan said he understands the CNMI government has generally computed the percentage of FAS nonimmigrants relative to a given agency's total caseload and attributed that percentage of the agency's expenditures to FAS nonimmigrants.

"This system is straightforward but may result in under- or over-reporting of the actual costs to the Commonwealth," he added.

He said there's also interest in the feasibility of a more direct, one-to-one method of accounting.

For example, recording the number of days a FAS nonimmigrant is incarcerated and multiplying that number by the per-day cost of incarceration might produce a more accurate accounting of the CNMI's expenditure.

The Inos administration had said that in the CNMI's calculation, the total cost to the CNMI of hosting FAS citizens has not been paid by the U.S. government and this amount is some \$200 million.

The U.S. has a different position, however as it provided \$1.9 million Compact Impact funding for fiscal year 2013. This is much lower than the \$5.2 million or more that the CNMI used to receive.

That's because from 3,570 FAS citizens in 2003, the CNMI hosted just 2,100 in 2008, based on a survey.

Live cattle export from the CNMI to Guam pushed

» House begins preparations for MILA's inaugural session in Guam

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REPORTER

A proposal to update Guam's existing quarantine regulations to allow the CNMI to export live cattle to Guam is one of the issues that the House would want to bring to the table when they discuss trade between the two territories during the Nov. 12 and 13 inaugural session of the Mariana Islands Legislature Association Congress.

At least half of the House's 20 members will be going to Guam for the MILA session, as of Wednesday's tentative count by the speaker.

Another topic that CNMI lawmakers would be adding to the discussion list is inter-island travel, including allowing small aircraft to fly from Tinian to Guam without U.S. Transportation Security Administration clearance. Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz has been pushing for this.

House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) met Wednesday with House members and officials from the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and Commonwealth Ports Authority, in preparation for the issues that CNMI lawmakers want to bring up during MILA's inaugural session.

"My hope is we go there with relevant issues...and hopefully with results, not just full of talk," the speaker said as he wrapped up the meeting at past 12pm.

The MILA seeks to improve the quality of life, relationships and future of the CNMI and Guam communities.

DLNR Secretary Arnold Palacios and CNMI state veterinarian Dr. Ike Dela Cruz said the issue is to ship live cattle from the CNMI without testing for bovine anaplasmosis, a cattle disease endemic in the Marianas.

Anaplasmosis testing is currently required as a condition of entry by the Guam Department of Agriculture, as specified in their Animal

Quarantine Regulations and only animals that test negative are eligible for importation.

Removing such testing requirement "will undoubtedly serve as a tremendous economic boost and benefit for all the Marianas people," DLNR said.

Dela Cruz and Palacios separately said both Guam and the CNMI have cases of anaplasmosis.

"And Guam does not have an active eradication program for this. Animals in both Guam and the CNMI are exposed to this disease, so their blood would test positive but that does not necessarily mean they are sick. The CNMI won't ship sick cattle," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune*.

'Inbreeding problem'

DLNR officials said the MILA is a perfect venue to bring up the need to update Guam's quarantine regulations to remove testing requirements for bovine anaplasmosis and other diseases endemic to both territories.

The goal is to enhance and facilitate the movement of CNMI cattle to Guam, where there is currently a serious inbreeding problem.

"This condition has been causing unnecessary, unwellcome, and unwanted productive and reproductive problems and failures. The productive qualities of CNMI cattle have tremendously improved due to the practice of artificial insemination using frozen semen imported from the U.S. mainland," DLNR said.

It added that allowing CNMI cattle with superior genetic characteristics to enter Guam would advance and greatly improve the productive qualities of Guam cattle, thereby promoting their agricultural economy.

It would also be a tremendous economic benefit for CNMI ranchers as it would provide a large market for CNMI livestock, DLNR added.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture itself no longer

considers bovine anaplasmosis a cattle disease of major importance, it said.

Besides CNMI lawmakers, the state veterinarian will also be at the MILA session in Guam.

Dela Cruz said the CNMI and Guam quarantine offices have already been communicating about the matter for quite some time, and DLNR hopes that having lawmakers from the two territories also tackling the issue will finally pave the way for the transport



Guerrero

of live cattle from the CNMI to Guam.

Guam Speaker Judith T. Won Pat has proposed a cruise line industry, trade between the two territories, and health care among the topics of discussion.

House session on Rota

In other news, the speaker said the House is likely to hold a Nov. 15 session on

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Rota, so that those attending the MILA session in Guam will be able to go to Rota from Guam instead of taking two separate trips.

Deleon Guerrero said the

House expects to hold at least one session on Rota and one session on Tinian every year.

The Tinian session would be held in December, the speaker added.

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Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income, or SSI, benefits for nearly 63 million Americans will increase 1.5 percent in 2014, the Social Security Administration said yesterday.

The 1.5 percent cost-of-living adjustment will begin with benefits that more than 57 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2014. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 31, 2013.

Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on

that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$117,000 from \$113,700. Of the estimated 165 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2014, about 10 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2014 is available at www.Medicare.gov.

The Social Security Act provides for how the COLA is calculated. To read more, visit www.socialsecurity.gov/cola. (SSA)

'Unique' sentence for man involved in 2 assault cases

A man who, while drunk, created a disturbance and attacked two women in separate incidents, has been sentenced to 73 days of community service that he must fulfill by making presentations on alcohol awareness and prevention in schools.

Superior Court Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja described his sentence on Jerome Tudela Aldan as "unique" and a "pilot project" where the court shall try to use the defendant's experience as a deterrent, not just for the defendant but for the community as a whole.

Aldan, 36, was sentenced to two years in prison, all suspended except for three months, with credit for 17 days of time served. The remaining prison

term shall be served in the form of 1,752 hours of community service, to be served by giving alcohol awareness and prevention presentation at junior and senior high schools per year.

Aldan was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, criminal mischief, assault and battery, assault, and disturbing the peace.

In another case, the defendant was charged with assault and battery, two counts of disturbing the peace, and criminal contempt.

Aldan pleaded guilty to criminal mischief, assault and battery, and disturbing the peace as part of a plea agreement with the government. The remaining charges in both cases will be dropped.

In his sentencing order last week, Naraja said that Aldan has no prior criminal record.

Naraja said that Aldan's crimes were serious, but the court believes that they were purely the result of intoxication and future incidents will not occur if he stops becoming drunk and can maintain control of himself.

"The court believes that the public's interest in this case is best served by having defendant share his alcohol experience with junior and senior high school students who are at risk of making similar alcohol-related mistakes and over the airwaves of the media to reach and benefit the whole community," the judge said.

Naraja said that if Aldan can

use his experience to prevent teenagers from using alcohol and prevent adults from using alcohol irresponsibly, the public's interest would be served quite well.

"The court believes that eight, ninth, and eleventh grade students are old enough to be at risk of using alcohol and mature enough to understand the presentation, but yet young enough for the presentation to have a real and lasting impact on their lives," he said.

Aldan was placed on probation for two years and required to pay \$930.38 in restitution, \$200 in probation fees, \$50 in court assessment fee, and \$100 fine.

Police said that Aldan tried to pick a fight with another man in

May 2013 inside GIG by flipping him and shoving him on the shoulder. He told the victim that he wants a fight.

In the other case, police said

Aldan threw two chairs and a bench at two women inside the Poseidon Bar on Jan. 31, 2013, hitting one of them. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

CCA, Hard Rock Café tie up for breast cancer awareness

The Commonwealth Cancer Association, in partnership with Hard Rock Café Saipan, thanks the community for making the Pinktober fundraiser held on Friday, Oct. 25, 2013, at the Hard Rock Café a resounding success. The annual Pinktober event is one of the Hard Rock Café's Global Rock Breast Cancer Awareness and Benefit Charities, wherein CCA is the benefactor. Hard Rock Café's motto, "The answer is out there, together we'll find it," speaks directly to their Pinktober efforts.

The CCA thanks the following partners for their donations and support: Delta Air Lines, MarPac, Century Tours, IT&E, DFS Saipan, Hard Rock Café Saipan, Micronesia Brokers, Inc., Pacific Trading Co., Aqua Resort Club, Marianas Resort & Spa, DOCOMO Pacific, Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club, Modern Stationary, The SHACK, Oleai Beach Bar & Grill, Xerox Corp., *Marianas Variety*, and Tan Holdings.

The event was also highlighted with entertainment featuring Parker Yobei, Jerry, Jan and the Flow Band, Marvin, Patz Badjho and Sugar Rush, Al Saures, Walden/Violy and Josh Castro.

The CCA also thanks the following individuals that helped sold tickets, to those that bought tickets, and its volunteers for the event. They are Nora Mae R. Sablan,

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"This is one of the events that reaffirm our commitment to raise awareness about this tragic disease, help raise funds for CCA programs and services, and opportunities to recognize individuals in the community for their support and commitment," according to the CCA in a statement. "As a community, we can make a difference in the fight against breast cancer and show our devotion to conquering this tragic disease. CCA thanks the community for its untiring support."

The CCA maintains a full calendar of programs to raise awareness and provide public education about cancer, and to assist cancer patients and survivors. For further information about CCA programs, contact the CCA at telephone 682-0050 or by email at ccamarianas@gmail.com or log on to its website at www.ccamarianas.org. (CCA)

Judge finds Woodruff's affidavit inadequate to satisfy court order

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman has found attorney Stephen C. Woodruff's affidavit inadequate to satisfy the court's disbarment order against him.

In separate orders, Wiseman also ordered Woodruff to pay \$14,389 in prosecution costs to the Superior Court and \$660 to disciplinary counsel Thomas Clifford.

Woodruff submitted Tuesday in federal court copies of Wiseman's orders to comply with U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona's order that requires him to file reports relating to the progress of his disciplinary matter.

On Oct. 2, 2013, Wiseman found Woodruff in civil contempt for not complying with the court's disbarment order and sentenced him to five

days in jail. The jail sentence will, however, be suspended if Woodruff complies with the requirements of the disbarment order by Oct. 8, 2013.

In an order Friday, Wiseman said that Woodruff submitted an affidavit for Rule 15 of the Commonwealth Disciplinary Rules and Procedure, the majority of which presents his legal arguments regarding the court's jurisdiction and other issues.

"The court, after review of respondent's said affidavit, does not deem it adequate to satisfy the mandates of Rule 15 and the disbarment order," the judge said.

Accordingly, Wiseman ordered Woodruff to appear in court on Nov. 19, 2013, at 9:30am to explain and clarify how his affidavit satisfies the court's mandates. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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main building.

DPS is working with a contractor for a temporary solution to this problem. BMV's system will be functional by Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2013.

BMV will be issuing a letter of compliance to customers for new, renewal, transfer of ownership, or duplicate of vehicle registrations who were affected by the system being out of ser-

vice. The letter of compliance will be temporary until such time the system is back online. Customers issued with the letter of compliance will be advised when to return to BMV to get their official registration that they applied for.

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MTEC names essay tilt winners

The Marianas Tourism Education Council announced the winners of its essay contest "Tourism is Everybody's Business 24/7 in the 670" at Wednesday's MTEC/MY WAVE (Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically) Tourism Summit at Saipan World Resort.

Tenth grader Mary Grace Tigla of Marianas High School garnered first place in the high school division, winning a round-trip to the Guam MY WAVE Tourism Summit, \$75, and in-kind donations from members of the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands.

"Lots of tourists means a robust and booming economy, more money for the government and businesses, and more income for workers in tourism oriented industries," wrote Tigla. "Tourism runs the CNMI.

If we work together to maintain and take care of our island home, we're not just making it appealing for others to see but we're also preserving all of its natural beauty for our future generations to enjoy. Wouldn't it be nice to do something for posterity?"

Solomon Ko and Lee Ann Jastillana of Marianas High won second and third place in their division, respectively.

Seventh grader Marchie Lynn Sayas of Hopwood Junior High won first place in the junior high division, winning \$50 cash and in-kind donations. Sayas offered a number of suggestions for the public to contribute to tourism.

"Participate in cleanup drives...Make friends with first timers in Saipan...Be vigilant. Report wrongdoings such as stealing or harming done by bad people to tourists...Encourage the youth to participate in hotel and restaurant training and give benefits to them," wrote Sayas.

Tyra Reese Calvo and Marneia Hope Hocog of Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja won second and third place in the junior high division, respectively.

Sixth grader Alice Kim of Garapan Elementary won first place in the elementary division, earning \$50 cash and in-kind donations.

"We need to get involved," wrote Kim. "We need to identify all existing and potential new tourist destinations and maintain their cleanliness to make them presentable. All members of the community

must work together to develop and/or support cultural festivals and year-round events that could open the doors to more tourists...Most of all, peace and safety of our visitors must be prioritized."

Carol Lee and Mary Danga of Garapan Elementary won second and third place in the junior high division, respectively.

The essay contest was also supported with in-kind donations from Hyatt Regency Saipan, Pacific Islands Club Saipan, Saipan World Resort, Fiesta Resort, Laolao Bay Golf & Resort, Mariana Country Club, DFS Saipan, Aqua Resort Club and Saipan Sunset Cruise.

"With this year's essay contest entries, we are beginning to see more sophistication in the level of understanding among the students about the tourism industry," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "MTEC has been making annual school presentations for three years now, and we are starting to see the results of that educational outreach, which we will continue to build on."

Other participating schools were Tinian High, Marianas Baptist Academy, Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr./Sr. High, and Saipan Southern High.

Benavente also acknowledged essay contest judges Chris Lubi of Ernst & Young, Catherine Perry of Integrity Communications, and educator and MTEC director Larry Lee.

MTEC is a non-profit organization aimed at educating the public on the tourism industry and its importance to the community. **(MTEC)**

Guards suspended in Guam prison abuse investigation

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—Authorities are investigating allegations that Guam prison guards used stun guns, which they aren't allowed to carry, to abuse inmates.

Two Department of Corrections officers have been suspended for 20 days, as part of an investigation by the department, Guam police and the FBI, Pacific Daily News reported Wednesday.

A parent of an inmate reported an alleged Taser assault to police, said Jeff Limo, the department's special assistant to the director. Four inmates were treated by a prison doctor for

injuries believed to be from Tasers, Limo said.

Officers aren't trained to use stun guns and aren't allowed to carry them.

"We aren't here to punish inmates," he said. "We are here to protect the people of Guam."

The inmates allegedly assaulted were in the facility's unit for inmates in protective custody.

The department's administrative investigation could take up to 60 days. The Guam Police Department is handling the criminal investigation. The FBI is involved because of possible civil rights violations, Limo said.



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GUAM INSURANCE COMMISSIONER WARNS:

Obamacare will increase health insurance premiums next year

GUAM (Pacific News Center)—Brace yourselves for an increase in your health insurance premiums next year.

Guam Insurance Commissioner Art Ilagan blames Obamacare. And he warns that the Affordable Health Care Act won't be so affordable for people living in the territories.

The problem with Obamacare, said Ilagan, is that it treats Guam and the other territories very differently than the states. Chief among the

problems is the insurance exchanges, which are supposed to provide lower cost alternatives for health insurance.

But the territories don't get the same subsidy the states get. If Guam were to set up an exchange, it would cost Gov-Guam \$74 million.

Ilagan: "The federal government was not going to come to the territories and set up a Federal insurance exchange. So Guam doesn't have that privilege."

PNC: "We don't have the resources, to set up our own

exchange?"

Ilagan: "Its gonna cost millions of dollars. GovGuam can not afford that."

PNC: "\$70 million?"

Ilagan: "\$74 million dollars...if we got the exchange."

Gov. Eddie Calvo has already opted out of the exchange. But, Ilagan pointed out,

island insurers cannot opt out of the Health Insurance Providers Fee, a new tax imposed on all health insurers by Obamacare. Ilagan said it amounts to 2.5 percent of premiums.

Ilagan and other Guam stakeholders recently participated in a conference call with Health and Human Services and Internal Revenue Service representatives in Washington, D.C. They sought an exemption from the tax for the territories.

Ilagan: "They said IRS is going to impose this on the insurance companies in Guam. So Guam would be paying, you and I, as rate payers of the insurance companies, would be assessed this

amount. And this amount is going to be assessed by IRS and it's going to go to the federal government. And there is no cover-over for Guam. So they're going to use that for Obamacare in the states."

PNC: "So in effect Guam residents will be subsidizing Obamacare and getting no benefit from it?"

Ilagan: "That's correct?"

The tax will take effect in January, said Ilagan, and he expects the health insurers will pass the cost on to their subscribers.

PNC: "This tax will be assessed on local health insurance providers?"

Ilagan: "Yes. That's correct."

PNC: "Are they going to pass that on?"

Ilagan: "Yes they will."

PNC: "What's going to hap-

pen to our premiums?"

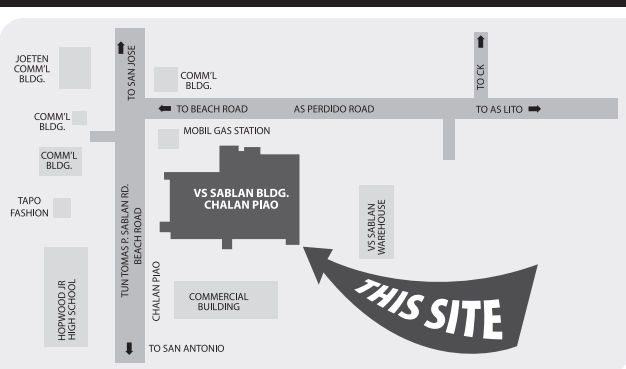
Ilagan: "Its gonna go up."

It's not just the tax that will force premiums up for island residents. Ilagan pointed to the other mandates required by Obamacare that will also force premiums up.

Ilagan: "Just Obamacare itself, our premiums are going to go up. They're gonna impose a lot of benefits. All the uninsured will be insured. So the people who are paying are going to pay for the people who don't have insurance. If you don't have the subsidies that they do in the 50 states, then the residents of Guam will be paying for the uninsured and their benefits."

Ilagan says that rates could rise 30 percent or more. But local health insurers have not submitted their proposed premium increases yet.

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Thorny debate on Article 12

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Article 12 isn't about the economy. It isn't about the sale of land. It isn't about "protection" either. Nor is it anything else we've concocted.

It's all about how it nullifies the CNMI's land tenure system that has been around for over five centuries until 1978.

It ruins full individual landownership!

It seems to be promoting "collective" ownership of private land where everybody is part owner of your land.

The purpose of Section 805 of the Covenant Agreement is to prevent legitimate concerns then from land exploitation by huge U.S. corporations of Marianas land. It didn't occur. The 25-year period is up and the issue is now in the hands of the people to dispose of this provision via a plebiscite.

Isn't it now fitting to restore the CNMI's land tenure system? We've had it for over 500 years and never had major setbacks with it. So why prolong denial of full landownership?

Beyond incendiary or lame political theatrics, let's honestly look at what happens when this provision is repealed or retained.

Repeal: A repeal returns the compromised land tenure system to normalcy where every landowner owns his/her land once more 100 percent. It's a system of individual landownership that has been around for over five centuries.

Retention: It's more a nationalistic view that ties the cultural traditions of these isles that were founded on indigenous land. It's a view that was around for centuries under the CNMI's land tenure system.

It's the restoration of a land tenure system versus the aspiration of island nation building where indigenous hosts control land and the political destiny of these isles. But this position could only come with semi-independence or return of CNMI sovereignty. Herein we find the two issues that have forked off at the end of a thorny road.

Though repealing this constitutional provision would restore traditional land tenure system, the resurgence of a powerful sentiment to reviving indigenous rights for stronger self-government turns the debate into a highly contentious issue.

But if something is, can it be isn't at the same time? In other words, if it's my land, can it be not my land simultaneously? Furthermore, isn't it the role of government (as an agent of protection of the rights to property) fulfilled in this respect? Has it been up to par with this fiduciary duty?

Moreover, if Article 12 denies our rights to full landownership, then who owns privately owned land when this provision nullifies it? Doesn't this provision prepare the pathway for collective landownership? Would you agree that we all own your land collectively where individual ownership is compromised?

To repeal it is to secure full landownership (restoring our land tenure system) while its retention limits landownership to NMDs while compromising your rights to full ownership.

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Winter wonder rust

Winter on Saipan is everyone's dream world, that is, for those tired of the freezing cold, particularly the snow-drenched North. Or those not enamored of a fireside chat on the outskirts of Sydney. Folks up Mt. Tapuchao have been known to bring out their fur when the temperature hits 60 degrees Fahrenheit!

The heaters here in Shenyang in Manchuria are switched on today, never mind that the nippy cold had been with us for half a month. In a controlled economy, the weather is on a planned calendar. Heat is not delivered until the first of November, external temperature notwithstanding.

In *Dong Bei* (northeast China), the weather is characterized as two days autumn, two weeks spring, two months summer, and the rest as winter. Meant to be funny, this time it is painfully so. This year, the script on autumn got short shrift; fall lasted two hours!

For sure, the leaves of the maple and birch trees turned magnificently yellow and purple, but for a brief moment of sunlight last Friday to make us wish summer had lingered longer, it immediately switched to winter. How did I know? Well, long johns, gloves, and a hood over the head (so as not to look too ridiculous with the earmuffs) is what kept us going this week of October weather! However, Zhang Wang Li (my local version of Joe Blow) did not turn on the switch until today.

For those who skipped the geographical details in elementary school, China's population is on its eastern regions (geo-size with the U.S. is almost the same), much like the United States populace was at one time until the West Coast surfed into the American psyche. China's west are deserts, mountains, and highland plateaus, sparsely inhabited. Were it in U.S. geography, four-fifths of the population would reside east of the Ohio River. U.S. population is 310 million, China, 1.4 billion! One out of five folks in the planet is Chinese!

The China known to old Europe were the people of the Han, with their classical civilization formed out of the land between the two mighty rivers of the Yangtze (where the Three Gorges Dam is now located) and the Yellow River (with its loess, the fertile yellow top soil that gave it its name), with the Persians naming them the people of the Qin (Chin) in honor of the dynasty that first unified the kingdom, thus the name China.

The regions of the Zangs (Xizang in Chinese, Tibet in English), the Uighurs of arid Taklimakan (Xingiang), yurt-dwelling Mongols of Genghis Khan (now divided into Outer and Inner Mongolia) that spawned China's Yuan Dynasty, and *Dong Bei* of the Manchu that birthed the last ruling dynasty of the Qing, were previously external to China proper. The Great Wall, after all, was built to keep the Mongols and the barbarians of the north at bay!

However, in Mao's declaration of geographical patrimony in

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1949, the four regions became an integral part of the nation. The country's national flag with the one large star and four smaller ones formed to complete a circle symbolizing this union.

Dong Bei of the Qing Dynasty was officially verboten to Han migrants (though policy did not stop them from moving in anyway, making them the now the majority in the region) but it helps understand why Japan thought of the region as simply an extension of its sphere of influence when it took over Manchuria in 1931. It occupied the territory much like France did in Algeria and North Africa. Japan was already lord to the Korean peninsula, humbled the Russian navy at the turn of the century, and bested the Qing dynasty earlier, that gained them Formosa, now Taiwan. Japan, imperial to the core, wanted land for its expanding population, not to mention the desperate need for natural resource of its booming industries, and Manchuria was just the stepping stone to the larger land resource that China offered.

The rust in our title is the enormous amount of particles in *Dong Bei*'s air, measured at 40 times WHO's health rating this week, specifically in Harbin north of Shenyang. Manchuria was the first to industrialize among the Chinese regions, rich in coal and natural gas that provide it cheap energy. This week, Shenyang's fog was reminiscent of Pittsburgh's smog in the late '60s.

Visibility at 5 feet and bone-chilling cold is anathema to this tropical denizen. Though it built coal-burning plants in the uninhabited grasslands of Inner Mongolia, the air quality of China do not serve the perennially shrouded cities of Beijing and Nanjing, nor the rest of the country, and, alas, the biosphere of the planet.

Were I younger, I might reconsider parking my bicycle in *Dong Bei*, but given that the Fukushima's nuclear radiation affected the Marianas and Hawaii more than it did Manchuria, one will have to think twice of the trade-offs one has to make in choosing one over another location. With the 7.2 Richter scale tremors visiting Fukushima again this week, I am not sure there is any place in the world that is safe from the encroachment of debilitating planetary change.

Will take asthma vs. cancer any day, so it is rusty November-r-r-r in *Dong Bei* for me this winter.

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Betel-Brite

Now that we're awash in new candy and old pumpkins, here's a thought: teeth. As I brushed away the sweets, I wondered who invented the toothbrush.

And who better to tell us than the folks at Colgate, the company that makes toothpaste and related products. Its website, Colgate.com, has an interesting little history of toothbrushes and toothpaste. I'll mention a few highlights here.

According to the history, the Chinese are thought to have invented the first toothbrush by using bristles made from pig hair and handles of bamboo or bone. This dates back to the 15th century. The Europeans eventually picked up the concept from the Chinese.

Various refinements to this basic theme were made until DuPont unveiled a wonder-substance called nylon in 1938. Used as bristles, of course, this is what gave us the modern toothbrush, and refinements in nylon engineering meant that by the 1950s toothbrushes had bristles soft enough to become a hit in the marketplace.

So, thanks to nylon, many of us will be chomping down on steak and BBQ ribs tonight instead of gumming down porridge and gruel. Yea, nylon!

Nylon, therefore, deserves some time in the winner's circle. Legend holds that the name comes from "New York to London." But according to Snopes.com, debunker of specious legends, the word "nylon" was really a derivation of the phrase "no run."

More wisdom from Snopes: The inventor of nylon, Wallace Carothers, toiled for seven years before it all fell into place in 1935. The quest hardly has a happy ending for him, though. He later committed suicide by drinking cyanide. What a lousy end for a guy who

helped invent one of the most useful elements of the modern world.

Anyway, moving back to the toothbrush thing, I'll set my gimlet eye on contemporary technology. Everybody I know these days uses fancy electronic toothbrushes. These things beep and vibrate and blink and shake and rattle.

They come with instruction manuals. And spare parts. And electric chargers. And warrantee documents with finely-honed legal disclaimers. This is progress.

But I've yet to keep pace with it. When I tried putting one of these fancy devices into my face, it felt like I was chewing on a jackhammer.

Well-meaning people have since explained to me, with grand displays of painstaking patience, the virtues of the oral jackhammer and the techniques for its effective employment. Or, in my case, its effective unemployment, since I'm not going near that thing again. But don't let me sour you on modern ways; after all, I'm a guy who still has cassette decks in his cars.

Still, in my defense, I'll note that I am a gear-head by inclination and background. And to my cog-and-bearing brain, anything that vibrates has overtones of pending mechanical failure. Since one mechanical entity at issue here is my face, with an orderly set of 32 pearly whites attached thereunto, I'm not up for any vibration adventures. So I'll just stick with the old-school brush-and-floss regimen. And, no, I don't really know what "thereunto" means, but it sounds classy.

Well, so much for toothbrushes. How about toothpaste?

Glad you asked, and we're back to Colgate's site for this. Even

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thousands of years ago people were using various concoctions to rub on their teeth.

And, take note, Saipan, the site says this: "Betel nut was included in toothpaste in England in the 1800s."

Hey, maybe we're overlooking a potential industry here. How about "Betel-Brite?" It has a nice ring to it.

In 1873, Colgate started the mass production of toothpaste in jars. In the 1890s they started selling toothpaste in tubes, a technique that, of course, continues today. Fluoride was added to toothpaste in 1914.

For those who neglect to use these products to their advantage, though, I'll mention another historical tidbit from elsewhere: Novocain. It was invented in 1905. If ever there was a merciful invention, this was it, so let's note the name of the inventor for posterity. It's Alfred Einhorn, a German.

So, while the candy man makes dreams come true, modern dentistry saves us from the nightmares.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Your own political agenda**

Editor's Note: Due to the length of this letter, it is being published in three parts. This is the last part.

Delegate Sablan, your impulsive decision to submit unilateral improved immigration status proposition to Congress for thousands of foreigners in the Commonwealth, without engaging our views as Chamorro and Carolinian, is a deliberately offensive act. Such act, in my opinion, constitutes a betrayal of trust. We, Chamorro and Carolinian, may be a figment on your memory list and having faith in us may not be personally appealing to you. Nevertheless, we Chamorro and Carolinian voted for you as well. I have every intention of making an endless political debate on the issue of improved immigration status for thousand of aliens in the Commonwealth. I also have every intention of impressing the issue of our Chamorro and Carolinian's right to live communally amongst ourselves without intrusion by outside activists and interest groups. I was hoping, though, that before you introduce such partisan idea, you'll give us the courtesy and afford us the opportunity to be heard. After all, we have absolute vested interest in the matter. Since you went ahead and arbitrarily decided to represent the vested interest of aliens, it is incumbent upon you to let the entire population of Chamorro and Carolinian know explicitly well just how our lives will forever be ruined once your desired outcome is enacted and takes effect. At a bare minimum, this is the least you can do for us.

Delegate Sablan, of all elected CNMI officials, I never would have imagined that you will be as callous, insensitive, indifferent, and pathetically dogmatic as you have demonstrated to be on this single political issue, because I considered you to have a different perspective from the rest. You see, I listened and closely followed your political interests for a long time. You and I had the opportunity to work together during the 4th Legislature back in 1984-1986. Even though our working relationship was not lengthy, I observed with interest how you performed as a legislator and I must admit you were attentively engaged. Although you occasionally let emotional outbursts overshadow your wise judgment, and sometimes,

when it fits your purpose, you used arrogant phrases or parsed negatively in exhorting your point of view, nevertheless you convinced me as someone worth trusting. That is why it is particularly difficult for me not to feel betrayed and not to feel used for political self-interest. I take your judgment very personally because if your political agenda ever passes both houses of Congress, the net effect will have debilitating and catastrophic consequences upon my children's future. I cannot be remotely convinced that granting improved immigration status and a pathway to citizenship for more than 14,000 aliens will be in our future's best interest. Granted, there may be residual economic impact on the islands but whatever financial gain is realized, the amount of money remitted outside of the Commonwealth will make that gain insignificant. This fact alone indisputably supports the argument that the continued presence of these aliens in the Commonwealth, at the expense of the Chamorro and Carolinian, must not be allowed and should be vehemently and assertively challenged and protested.

Delegate Sablan, consider seriously the unimaginable, the incalculable, the unforeseeable, the psychological and the unexplainable far-reaching effects and catastrophic ramifications your political agenda will have on the Chamorro and Carolinian people. It will definitely and undoubtedly create a deep racial divide and imbue social disorder that we have never witnessed before in the Commonwealth. The cultural integrity of our people's traditional heritage will be irreversibly implicated. Having worked alongside with you before, I just could not figure out why would you take the risk of pushing an agenda that is contemptuously adverse to the interest and will of a host community without their consent. I can only conclude, based on observable actions and public statements you've made, that you may have been harboring deep personal disdain against your own people. It is particularly disconcerting and deeply disappointing to know that we, Chamorro and Carolinian, have been inconspicuously victimized by our very own delegate whom we have entrusted with our future wellbeing. Our 30th President of the United States of America, John Calvin Coolidge Jr., a Republican layer from Vermont, once said, "Men are so simple and

so much inclined to obey immediate needs that a deceiver will never lack victims for his deceptions."

Delegate Sablan, I do not have the resources to match your congressional capacity to do community outreach but I will dedicate my personal time to network with fellow Chamorro and Carolinian to impress upon them the detrimental and disastrous effects and the huge uncompensable price we will pay should your political agenda succeeds. I am going to carry this mission the old, traditional way, family-by-family one at a time. As far as I am concerned, your political agenda is no longer a humanitarian concern, as you have politically and conveniently framed it, because all aliens in the Commonwealth have controlled and unabridged options legally applicable for them. All aliens' act of free movement and travel are within their own personal freedom of choice. They entered the Commonwealth voluntarily, devoid of coercion by and from any Chamorro or Carolinian. No issue of forced entry or subjugation—perceived or implied—can be attached to any member of our Chamorro and Carolinian population. This is a fundamental issue of "internal sovereignty" and our protected right as Chamorro and Carolinian to live in dignity without impunity. You alone have no conferred constitutional authority to be the official and final arbiter of our desire. My final prayer, if you cannot be a trusted representative of your fellow Chamorro and Carolinian brothers and sisters, is to be decently honest and reveal your true motive for openly defying the trust placed upon you by majority of Chamorro and Carolinian voters.

Delegate Sablan, take this letter as my uncensored and explicitly candid personal expression on your capacity as our CNMI's official representative to Congress. No reference contained herein question your personal integrity, just your decision and performance. I will let the judgment of your character be the collective burden of all aggrieved.

Bendision para hagu yan I familia-mu para siempre,

Daniel O Quitugua

Kannat Tabla, Saipan

Architect of deliberate schemes

Once again, Gov. Eloy Inos deliberately shields his administration with Executive Order 2013-22. With this executive order it will allow him to get away from paying his administration's \$18 million obligation to CUC and he will be able to stick his hand in CUC's cookie jar under the guise of emergency. This executive order will force us consumers to pay the government's power bills if it continues to play this scheme—a possible increase in our monthly power bills!

Does this CUC executive order scheme sound familiar? It is simi-

lar to the NMI Retirement Fund scheme that now majority of retirees and beneficiaries are suffering due to the 25-percent diminution in their pension, all because of the governor's dereliction of fiduciary responsibility to remit the government's employer's contribution to the NMI Retirement Fund and agreeing to the Betty Johnson settlement agreement. Remember our sufferings come election time!

Have we not learned from the promise of a "better time" that only ended up a "bitter time" with Eloy Inos back then the secretary of

Finance, then lieutenant governor and now the governor? Are we that naïve to believe that this is "IT" when there is actually nothing to "IT"—only empty promises. Let us not forget come election time, "IT" is just a new cover but same old pages, with deliberate schemes to enrich his interest group.






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Koblerville, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲87° ▼77°	▲86° ▼76°	▲86° ▼76°	▲86° ▼76°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼78
Palau	Showers	▲86 ▼76
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼78
Chuuk	Showers	▲85 ▼78
Pohnpei	Showers	▲87 ▼74
Kosrae	Showers	▲87 ▼74
Majuro	Showers	▲85 ▼80

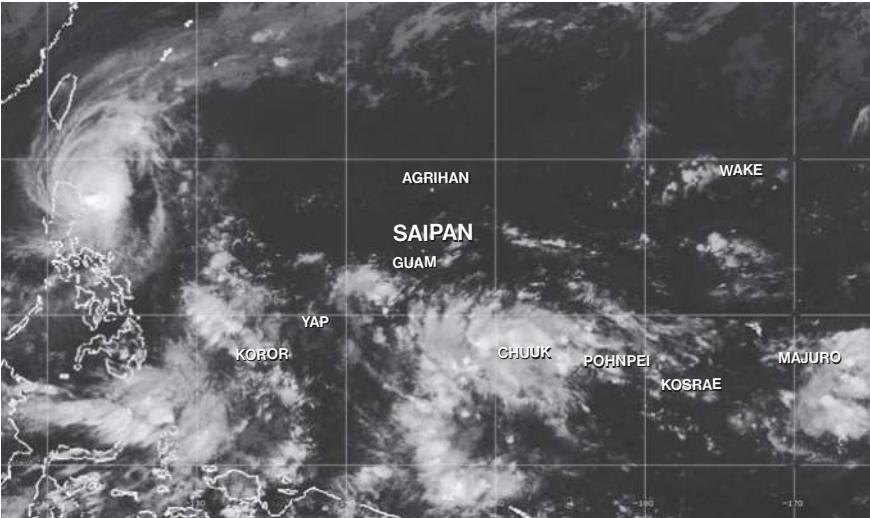
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲63 ▼54
Beijing	Cloudy	▲57 ▼40
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼76
Honolulu	Showers	▲85 ▼72
London	Showers	▲58 ▼49
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲77 ▼53
Manila	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼78
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲74 ▼49
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼75
New York	Cloudy	▲67 ▼62
Osaka	Sunny	▲70 ▼54
Paris	Rain	▲56 ▼50
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲71 ▼58
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲74 ▼58
Salem	Showers	▲55 ▼42
San Francisco	Sunny	▲70 ▼52
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼53
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲67 ▼54
Washington, DC	Cloudy	▲76 ▼67

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
12:53 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.3 Feet
6:57 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
12:49 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
6:42 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2013
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Convergent east and southeast winds are producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms between Yap and Koror within 60 miles of a line from 12N132E to 8N137E. A monsoon trough south of Yap and Koror extends eastward from a weak circulation centered near 7N130E to EQ151E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found along and south of a line that extends from the center of the circulation to EQ137E. Similar weather is found southwest of Chuuk within 90 miles of a line that extends from 3N146E to EQ147E. Another surface trough west of Chuuk curves southwestward from 10N151E to EQ148E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found around Chuuk between 5N and 10N from 146E to 155E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms north of Pohnpei within 150 miles of a line extending from 12N153E to 9N161E. A surface trough running from 7N173E to EQ168E is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms around Majuro between 2N and 8N from 170E to about 178E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Saturday	6:13 AM	5:48 PM
Sunday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Monday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Tuesday	6:14 AM	5:47 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:47 AM	3:59 PM
Saturday	4:41 AM	4:44 PM
Sunday	5:38 AM	5:33 PM
Monday	6:37 AM	6:26 PM
Tuesday	7:38 AM	7:22 PM

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SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS) OZ608 3:10am 6:20am 1, 4, 5, 7	BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN OZ607 9:00pm 1:50am+1 3, 4, 6, 7
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FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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A Betty J repeat with Article 12: Part II

The CNMI has experienced “one sided” leadership for almost a decade, highlighted by the casino issue as there hasn’t been a single politician taking the opposing stance. The same one-sided leadership is also taking place with Article 12 as the only vocal leadership is the one promoting Article 12 not being fixed.

I tried to be on the John Gonzales Show to offer opposing arguments but was denied. Why keep me off the show and what about being fair and balanced in the public eye? People only heard one-sided opinions that were clearly driven to try and destroy my name and rationale for Article 12 to be fixed. Like just the show’s guests, I am just trying to keep it from being abolished entirely. They are still hung up in the old-school outsider syndrome strategy of killing the messenger, even though I can see some dangers they don’t see. Proving your thesis in a fair debate is the educated way and I challenge all comers to a debate on Article 12.

I’m sure people with common sense would want to try and fix Article 12 given that it is now obvious this law will be challenged in the future until equality for every U.S. citizen is achieved. I also think it is an insult to say locals need laws to protect them from selling their land. The local people should have already learned from the Hawaiians and know not to sell all their land. But at the same time some locals need to sell a house lot or two

just to send their children to college and do other things to make their life today better, especially when their children can get degrees and buy even more land than they sold. But forcing locals to live under destitute conditions for an idyllic future for the unborn is ridiculous, especially when none of us can control future generations from the grave.

Those against Article 12 need to know that under the pending immigration law, the U.S. mainland will experience an influx of 13 million aliens into a population of over 300 million, which is only a 4.33-percent increase in the population. But the CNMI’s voting population is only 12,000 and there is a potential 13,000 alien voters in the future. The CNMI can’t take a 100.083-percent increase in the voting population without decimating the voting sovereignty of the local population.

Kilili says the federal immigration law would save the economy and bring economic growth but it will also transfer the majority voting power to the non-locals, which will end local political sovereignty. I warned voters this would happen in the last election but only 2,000 listened.

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

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These are the issues on collision to address as we discuss final disposition of Article 12.

Kilili’s agenda: Public hearing a must

The illustrious NMI non-voting Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan must enlist the sentiment of our people in his Trojan horse known as “improved immigration status” for more than 13,000 foreigners here. It’s a significant piece of legislation that must include public hearings throughout the CNMI to listen to the views of the indigenous people.

As more of our people learn of the long-term implications of Kilili’s grand design to permanently displace Chamorros and Carolinians, the more their sentiment intensifies against the wisdom of an evil genius design who never saw the cultural adversity inherent in his proposal. This evil agenda must be stopped at all cost.

It should be understood that the indigenous people have never displaced any other throughout the region out of respect as permanent hosts Japan, Philippines, Taiwan, China, Korea, etc. We ask for reciprocal respect as the indigenous people of these isles. We also hail from fully grounded Christianity and so there will always be due respect for our fellow man. But respect is a two way street. We will not compromise what’s ours and it will stay that way forever.

But Mr. Kilili must make an effort to have appropriate committees of the U.S. Congress hear the views of the indigenous people inherent under his grand design for eventual cultural marginalization and annihilation of the indigenous people. No worries, sir. You will definitely hear loudly and clearly the true sentiments of the people whose interest you’ve failed with your grand, though woefully shortsighted, measure.

Debate on alternative energy

The debate on alternative energy would intensify. In fact, it has begun where businesses associated with solar, wind, and geothermal energy have started peddling their wares before local policymakers.

Done due diligence on solar energy only to find out that it is equally expensive as the current fossil fuel powered utility system here. So it’s time to toss this proposal out the window lest proponents are only out to massage self-preservation where they rally behind more feasibility studies to keep their jobs in perpetuity.

How quickly they ignore the common denominator—consumers, residential and commercial—who would continue being bombarded by bureaucrats who can’t tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth about the wares they support.

The current utility rates are a major predatory factor in the significant reduction of businesses that have opted to put on shutters over subsidizing CUC. It instantly annihilates business expansion or new entrepreneurship or business startups.

For policymakers worth their salt, I’m sure they equally understand that a healthy and thriving private industry is the engine of growth. Government does nothing but spend rightly or wrongly. But how can we support basic public services when private industry isn’t moving anywhere? Are we still in denial that the fiscal posture of the NMI is in dystopia land—where nothing works?

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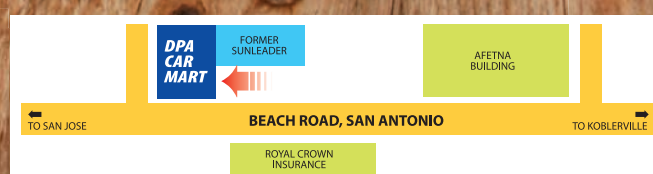
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At a minimum, the statements of professional qualification from firms should address the areas generally described below:

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Interested firms must submit one (1) original and four (4) copies each of their statements of professional qualifications no later than **4:30 p.m., Friday, November 8, 2013.**

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330.

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Date: October 4, 2013

ABC7 Saipan to offer live programming starting Monday

ABC7 Saipan will have the distinction of being the CNMI's first local channel to offer live programming when it launches the service on Monday, Nov. 4.

Sorensen Media Group president Rex Sorensen said live programming on ABC7 Saipan means local viewers can now watch their favorite ABC programs on the same day as their family and friends in Guam and the U.S. mainland.

Sorensen Media Group is the owner of ABC7 Saipan.

Currently all network broadcast and most cable channels aired on Saipan are delayed by one week.

"Live programming means that ABC7 Saipan will be airing the full 24-7 program offering of the ABC network as well as Sorensen Media Group's produced content," said Sorensen.

Some of the programs that

will now be broadcast on same day as in Guam include *Nightly News* from the Pacific News Center, *Good Question*, and *The Week in Review*.

ABC7's Network entertainment programming includes such popular shows as *Dancing with the Stars*, *Scandal*, *Revenge*, *Castle*, *Marvel's Agents of Shield*, *Once Upon a Time*, *Jimmy Kimmel Live*, and the *Academy Awards*. The

list of network sports programming consist of College Football, NBA basketball, and NASCAR racing.

"Technically, we receive the daily programming directly from New York as it is being aired there. The non-live programming is recorded and played in Saipan and Guam in the programs' normal time slots. That is, a programming airing at 8pm in New York will

likewise air at 8pm on Saipan. Live events such as sports, the Academy Awards air in real time. For example, if a football game is being played at 1pm in Los Angeles, it will air at 6am in Saipan," explained Sorensen.

He said his company always wanted to bring live television to Saipan since it first opened ABC7 Saipan in 2008.

"However, it was not tech-

nically feasible until recently. With the advent of new video compression techniques we are now able to reduce the size of the video stream to allow us to use IT&E interisland fiber circuit to carry the signal."

ABC7 Saipan's full program schedule may be viewed at www.abc7guam.com.

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November is college month

Acting governor Jude U. Hofschneider signed yesterday at the Northern Marianas College campus in As Terlaje a proclamation declaring November 2013 as College Month in the Commonwealth.

Hofschneider inked the proclamation in front of a crowd of students inside the college's D-1 classroom.

And since it was Oct. 31, students and a sprinkling of faculty wore Halloween costumes ranging from a storm trooper, to Picachu, and various goblins and ghosts.

According to the proclamation read by NMC student Jojo



SALVI VILLANUEVA/NMC

Northern Marianas College student Jolly Cruz, right, reads the proclamation that proclaims November 2013 as College Month. Acting governor Jude Hofschneider, center, signed the proclamation, which kicks off a monthlong series of events and activities designed to highlight resources and programs that help students enroll and succeed in college. The acting governor is joined by NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart, left. For more information about College Month activities, visit www.marianas.edu.

Cruz, earning a college degree provides students more career options, a higher income, and generally a better life.

Statistics also show that the more education one receives, the more income he or she makes over his or her lifetime. On average, a person with a four-year degree earns nearly twice as much as someone with only a high school degree and no college education.

By 2018, two out of three job openings will require workers with at least some college education.

The islands' lone institution for higher education provides accessible and affordable college education to CNMI residents. Through the College Access Challenge Grant, for instance, NMC continues to assist students enroll and succeed in college by providing financial assis-

tance, tutoring, and counseling services, academic advising, and other programs and services.

Hofschneider wasn't lost on the importance NMC plays in the Commonwealth's future. "We've gone through the college's inception to present day with the college facing some challenges. I take off my hat to NMC's leadership for keeping it going and accredited," he said.

The acting governor also said the presence of international students speaks a lot about the quality of education at NMC.

"I want to thank students for going to NMC and supporting it because it's the only institution of higher education in the CNMI. We encourage them to be here but if it's not for them, we also encourage them to seek education elsewhere. However, always remember that the CNMI is home. So wherever

you're at and how ever long you've been gone please come back and serve the community.

NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart said the college is preparing a number of activities this month to attract high school students to look at NMC or other institutions of higher learning. "Our goal really is to be that gateway to help our students access higher education."

She also thanked NMC students for their continued faith in the institution despite the accreditation woes it has faced the past couple of years. "Our brighter future rests in all of you. We are here to serve you but you are our future."

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- Can communicate effectively in English and understanding and speaking other Asian languages is a plus.
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Salary will be based on qualification. Please send resume and other documents showing all requirements to the Northern Mariana Islands Football Association - 3rd Floor, TSL Plaza, Beach Road, Garapan, Saipan or PMB 338, P.O. Box 10001, Saipan, MP 96950 or Fax no. 1-670-233-6632 or email to rzapanta@nmifa.com. To be considered, resume must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, November 15, 2013.

Jonathan DLC. Garces

P.O. Box 511769

Rota, MP 96951

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of)	FCD AD
the Adoption Of:)	CIVIL ACTION
DORI JEAN ARAZA)	NO. 13-0415R
GARCES)	
Minor Child,)	NOTICE OF
)	HEARING
By:)	
)	
JONATHAN DLC.)	
GARCES)	
Petitioner)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on November 01, 2013, at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom Rota, before Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2013.

Patrick Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court



Happy 9th birthday to Lee Andy Camacho III! We love you and wish you a wonderful birthday! With love, Mommy, Andrew, John John, and Johnovan.



Happy 18th birthday, Akieva! Your birthday had better be as special as you are. You're an amazing person and even more amazing friend. May God bless you with many more birthdays to come. Greetings come from Yui.



Belated happy 1st birthday to our only baby boy, NeiSean Zot O. Benavente, who celebrated his special day on Oct. 29! God bless and many more growing birthdays to come. With love, from Mommy, Daddy, and your sisters Neiyni Lynn, Naylee Shay, and Neidee'an Jorgette.

PRINCIPAL'S WEEK

Students of San Antonio Elementary School greet their principal, James Sablan, a happy Principal's Week! In their message to Sablan, they said, "Thank you for helping us walk in the right direction."

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BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



Advanced happy birthday to my beautiful wife, Crystal! You are truly the greatest mother of our child. We love you so much! May you have many more birthdays to come! From your husband Donald, baby Wally, and the whole Seidler and Song-song familia.



Happy 25th birthday to our No. 1 main man, a wonderful father, Juan Fernando Lisua Taman! God bless you and may you have many more birthdays to come! We love you very much daddy and we hope you enjoy your special day. Lots of love coming from the family, most especially Kay and the two little rascals, L.J. Boy and Lisa.



BIRTHDAY BASH

Dannielle Duponcheel, fourth from left, sitting on her dad's lap, celebrates her birthday at JC Cafe on Oct. 27, 2013. She is joined here by her sister Dolores, left; mom Carrie Kiyoshi, second from left; her dad, Lawrence Duponcheel; and cousins.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Special Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Adoption of Agenda

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. UPDATE ON LIHTC PROGRAM

- Tasi Homes, LLC

IV. MORTGAGE CREDIT DIVISION

- Notice of Auction for 011 G 1155 and 011 G 308

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VI. OTHER MATTERS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

GHRA president encourages youth to join tourism industry

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR INVESTMENT RELATED SERVICES MPLT RFP 13-001

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) is soliciting Request for Proposal (RFP) for investment related services. Copy of the detailed RFP is available @ www.mplt.gov.mp or may be picked-up at MPLT, 1222 Capital Hill Road, Saipan, MP 96950.

Office Hours: 8:00am – 5:00pm, Monday - Friday

Contact Barbara Reyes at (670) 322-4401/4402 or email: mplt@mplt.gov.mp for more information.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: 4:00 P.M., Friday, January 17, 2014

PLACE: Marianas Public Land Trust

P.O. Box 501089, 1222

Capital Hill Road, Saipan, MP 96950

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Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association president Mary Torre Rhodes is encouraging the islands' youth to consider joining the CNMI's tourism industry once they decide to enter the local workforce.

Rhodes served as keynote speaker of Wednesday's Tourism Summit held at the Saipan World Resort.

The event was organized by the Marianas Tourism Education Council and the Marianas Youth Welcome All Visitors Enthusiastically, or MY WAVE, and saw the attendance of over 300 members of MY WAVE clubs from 10 elementary, junior high, and high schools on Saipan.

In her presentation, Rhodes said today is as good as any to dive into the local tourism



MARK RABAGO

Guam Hotel and Restaurant Association president Mary Torre Rhodes served as keynote speaker of last Wednesday's Tourism Summit at the Saipan World Resort.

industry. Compared to other regions, tourism is booming in the Marianas.

For instance, the tourism industry's growth is 17.4 percent in the CNMI and 14 percent in Guam, while internationally tourism has grown only 5 percent and just 7 percent in Asia.

Rhodes said the CNMI has a bright future in tourism and based on the CNMI's Gross Domestic Product, it can contribute more.

She said that compared to Guam, where tourism is 60 percent of the U.S. territory's GDP, the tourism industry only accounts for 28 percent of the CNMI's GDP.

She also emphasized the potential of the islands' youth to enter the local workforce because more than 12,000 jobs will be available in the CNMI by the end of 2014, with the expiration of the CW-2 program. She said it is up to the islands' youth to fill those positions, some of which are tourism-related.

"Tourism is made up of more than just a hotel. There's transportation and private businesses like restaurants and gift shops," she said.

Rhodes also spoke about the

Commonwealth's pristine beauty vis-à-vis tourist sites in Guam and the effort residents put forth in keeping it clean.

"The CNMI's national park and the local parks are beautiful here and Guam is always envious of what you have here on Saipan. You have a very beautiful island and you guys are very mindful of keeping it clean. Saipan residents are doing a good job in making sure the islands remain beautiful."

Rhodes urged everyone in attendance to keep up with what they are doing and to continue to make the Commonwealth a desirable destination for Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and Russian, tourists.

"We should all welcome visitors enthusiastically. Everybody should do their part because tourism is indeed everybody's business."

After Rhodes' talk, presentations were made by MY WAVE clubs from Saipan Southern High School and Hopwood Junior High School. Before breaking for lunch, the different MY WAVE clubs split into groups for some activities. **(Mark Rabago)**

Hidden Beach red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged the Hidden Beach on Saipan and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Samples collected from this beach contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci)

that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

The Division of Environmental Quality analyzed samples of 12 Saipan east and south recreational beaches this week. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. **(DEQ)**

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST

REQUEST FOR QUALIFIED PROPOSALS ON FIVE HOUSES IN, SAIPAN

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) announces this request for qualified proposals on One Two-story concrete house in Kannat Tabla, Saipan and Two-Three Bedroom houses and Two-Two Bedroom houses all located in Kagman 3, Saipan.

MPLT Resolution 10-10 establishes the Supplemental Home Investment Program (SHIP). Under the program, MPLT offers these acquired homes in its inventory to qualified persons. The three significant qualification requirements include the following: 1) the homes are offered at the minimum appraised value; 2) each proposer is credit-worthy for debt-service for the amount of the appraised value of the home; and 3) the proposer is certified as qualified as a first-time homeowner with proof of registration as a person of Northern Marianas Descent through the NMD Registry program with the CNMI Board of Elections; a notarized affidavit by the applicant that he/she does not have any interest, whether freehold or fee simple, in any CNMI land; and a verified name search from a title company (current within 45 days) showing that the applicant does not own title to nor hold any interest in CNMI land as a grantee.

A fixed interest rate of 2% per annum and no down payment required under the program.

Notice is given to all proposers that there are no warranties of any kind as to any of the homes under the SHIP program. Homes are presented for proposals "as is and where is" without warranties as to habitability, suitability or fitness for purpose. It is the responsibility of each interested proposer to inspect or commission an inspection of the property.

In this announcement MPLT solicits qualified proposals for one acquired home located in Kannat Tabla, Saipan and four acquired homes located in Kagman, Saipan. They are not subject to the right of redemption. Below is a photograph and short description of each home as well as the minimum appraised value. Interested proposers may pick up the application packets at the MPLT Office at House No. 1222, Capital Hill; or with the MPLT Loan Administrator (Bank of Saipan) in Chalan Kanoa. The deadline for submission of proposals for either house is Monday, December 02, 2013.

Complete proposal package is available at www.mplt.gov.mp



MPLT SHIP 003

2-story / 5-Bedroom / 3-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Good Condition
Kannat Tabla

Appraised Value \$156,000.00



MPLT SHIP 004

3-Bedroom / 1-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Fair Condition
Kagman III

Appraised Value \$38,000.00



MPLT SHIP 005

3-Bedroom / 2-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Fair Condition
Kagman III

Appraised Value \$47,000.00



MPLT SHIP 006

2-Bedroom / 1-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Fair Condition
Kagman III

Appraised Value \$36,000.00



MPLT SHIP 007

2-Bedroom / 1-bath Concrete House
Septic tank system
Fair Condition
Kagman II

Appraised Value \$36,000.00

OAG ups enforcement of accessible parking space

The Office of the Attorney General gave notice to the public yesterday that the office, in partnership with the Department of Public Safety and in collaboration with community organizations, is preparing to increase enforcement against businesses that are violating Public Law 17-65. This law was enacted on Dec. 20, 2011, to increase the penalties for accessible parking violations and to be consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act and guidelines.

Under Public Law 17-65, businesses and government agencies are required to provide and designate parking spaces for the exclusive use of any vehicle that displays a special identification placard for persons with disabilities. Accessible parking spaces must be identified by a sign with the international symbol of accessibility, as well as a posted "Accessible Parking" sign. A business with at least five parking spots must have at least one

such accessible parking space.

Pursuant to Public Law 17-65, the Office of the Attorney General may take action against businesses that

17-65 are serious. A business that fails to do so shall pay a civil fine of \$100 per day until the business complies with the requirements of the law.

If you have any questions and concerns about Public Law 17-65 or would like to report any potential accessible parking violations, contact the Office of Attorney General at (670) 664-2341. If you own a business and are unsure about whether your business complies with Public Law 17-65, you may also contact NMPASI at (670) 235-7273 to request a site check. **(OAG)**



fail to designate the required accessible parking spaces for persons with disabilities. The Office of the Attorney General is working closely with the Department of Public Safety and other agencies and organizations to identify businesses that are not in compliance with the law. The consequences that a business may face for violating Public Law

Kosrae in FSM is site of first Rockhopper Adventure Trail Run

TOFOL, Kosrae—The tropical island of Kosrae, located halfway between Hawaii and Guam, is home to some of the world's most spoiled coral reefs and blue-water dive sites. Now divers and adventure travelers can experience Kosrae's stunning tropical landscape in a new way with the first Rock Hopper Adventure Trail Run on Monday, Nov. 11. The 5.7-mile run will include on-road and off-road terrain.

Runners and their cheering parties can enjoy exploring Kosrae's lush rainforests, ancient ruins, meeting local craftspeople along with world-class diving with one of Kosrae's local dive shops.

The \$15 race entry fee includes a commemorative race tee shirt. Runners and walkers can sign up for the race at www.imathlete.com/events/EventOverview.aspx?FEID=17570.

In addition, the Kosrae Nautilus Resort is offering special room rates for Rock Hopper participants and family.

Kosrae's scuba diving, tropical beauty and relaxing vibe are plenty enough reason to visit the island. Kosrae also hosts cultural and commemorative events year round. Visiting during these times is a great way to see Kosrae at its most festive.

Following is Kosrae's full calendar of events for the rest of 2013 and 2014.

■ Rock Hopper Trail Run: Nov. 11, 2013

■ Kosrae Christmas Marching Event: Dec 25, 2013. Kosrae's unique Christmas marching and singing celebration are islandwide festivities. One-of-a-kind and well worth the visit.

■ Lelu Memorial Day: Jan. 18, 2014

■ Kosrae State Fair: March 31, 2014. Includes judging of the best local produce (including local coconuts), demonstrations of common skills such as climbing coconut trees and thatching a house along with games and local food and craft demonstrations

■ Malem Memorial Day: June 6, 2014

■ Utwe Memorial Day: July 20, 2014

■ Tafunsak Memorial Day: August 7, 2014. Enjoy sporting events, local food and markets with local handicrafts, produce and fish at each village fair.

■ Liberation Week Festivals: Sept. 8, 2014. This celebration remembers the end of Kosrae's involvement in World War II.

Kosrae is an eco-traveler's paradise and an internationally acclaimed dive destination. A 42-square-mile island, it is one of the four states of the Federated States of Micronesia. Kosrae's reefs are considered to be among the most pristine remaining in the world. Learn more at www.Kosrae.com. **(PR Newswire)**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDITS FOR FY 2013 AND 2014 MPLT RFP 13-002

The Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) is soliciting Request for Proposal (RFP) for Financial and Compliance Audit for MPLT for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. Copy of the RFP is available @www.mplt.gov.mp or may be pick-up at MPLT, 1222 Capital Hill Road, Saipan, MP 96950.

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Limit alcoholic drinks to one per day.

Menstruation



Starting your period before age 12.



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Motherhood

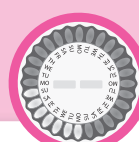


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For more information about breast cancer: www.cdc.gov/cancer/breast/ or contact CNMI Breast & Cervical Screening Program at 236-8728/31/27

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USCIS launches redesigned uscis.gov website

WASHINGTON—U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services announced yesterday the launch of the agency’s redesigned website available in both English and Spanish. The redesigned website provides customers with a simplified and more user-friendly experience.

“This redesign demonstrates our ongoing commitment to improving the quality of service we provide,” said USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas. “Throughout the past year, we have evaluated traffic on the website and listened to valuable feedback from users. Today’s launch is the result of that effort and we are confident the public will find an improved online experience.”

The USCIS website incorporates current best practices while introducing a new content management system that will improve functionality and allow for continued enhancements. Some of the improvements to the new website include better navigation menus, a tools section that helps customers complete common electronic

transactions, and a more prominent search bar that produces improved results.

The home page also displays a more prominent rotating banner that highlights timely information and introduces alerts that provide important news and other customer notifications at a glance. In response to stakeholder feedback, USCIS has also streamlined the change of address online tool to provide an easier, more efficient process for customers.

The new and improved USCIS website is part of the Department of Homeland Security’s Web strategy to use a common content management system and consolidate the Department’s public websites. The agency plans further enhancements in the coming months.

USCIS first redesigned its website in September 2009, fulfilling the Obama adminis-

tration’s commitment to offer enhanced navigation tools for the public to access immigration information and review case status.

For more information on USCIS and its programs, visit the new website at www.uscis.gov and www.uscis.gov/espanol to receive email updates or follow us on Facebook (/uscis), Twitter (@uscis), YouTube (/uscis) and the USCIS blog *The Beacon*. **(USCIS)**

Bank of Hawaii posts \$37.7M net income in Q3

HONOLULU, HI—Bank of Hawaii Corp. reported diluted earnings per share of \$0.85 for the third quarter of 2013, unchanged from the previous quarter, and down from \$0.92 in the same quarter last year. Net income for the third quarter of 2013 was \$37.7 million compared with net income of \$37.8 million in the second quarter of 2013 and net income of \$41.2 million in the third quarter of 2012.

“Bank of Hawaii Corporation continued to perform well during the third quarter of 2013,” said Peter Ho, chairman, president and CEO. “Our loan balances grew 3 percent from the second quarter and 4 percent from the third quarter last year. Consumer and commercial deposit balances grew 2 percent from the previous quarter and 6 percent from the

same quarter from last year. The Hawaii economy is benefiting from a continued strong visitor industry and growing construction activity. Expenses remained well controlled as did credit costs. Importantly, the steepening yield curve is beginning to have a positive impact on our net interest income and net interest margin.”

For the nine-month period ended Sept. 30, 2013, net in-

come was \$111.4 million, down from net income of \$125.8 million for the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share were \$2.50 for the nine-month period in 2013 compared with diluted earnings per share of \$2.77 for the same period in 2012.

Total assets were \$13.85 billion at Sept. 30, 2013, an increase from total assets of \$13.73 billion at June 30, 2013 and total assets of \$13.38 billion at Sept. 30, 2012.


Total loans and leases were \$6.01 billion at Sept. 30, 2013, up from \$5.86 billion at June 30, 2013 and \$5.78 billion at Sept. 30, 2012.

Total deposits were \$11.61 billion at Sept. 30, 2013, an increase from total deposits of \$11.45 billion at June 30, 2013 and \$11.22 billion at Sept. 30, 2012 due to continued growth in consumer and commercial deposits.


General economic conditions in Hawaii continued to improve

during the third quarter of 2013, led by a strong tourism industry, relatively low unemployment, and rising real estate prices.

For the first eight months of 2013, total visitor arrivals and visitor spending both increased by 5.1 percent compared to the same period in 2012. The statewide seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate was at 4.3 percent in August 2013, compared to 7.3 percent nationally. **(Bank of Hawaii)**



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-005

ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE, ROUTE 33 (BEACH ROAD), PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(014), SAIPAN

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 33 (Beach Road), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package consisting of Plans, Specifications and Bid Documents will be available on or after **November 1, 2013** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 20, 2013**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **December 4, 2013 to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-005"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 10, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 10, 2013**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 10, 2013** and must be received no later than **December 18, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **December 23, 2013**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **December 12, 2013**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash

2) US Gov't Securities

3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange

4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and


5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **Two Hundred Ten (210) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-03


All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



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Office of the Secretary of Public Works
2nd Floor Joeten Commercial Building, Gualo Rai, Saipan, MP 96950



INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-008

ISLAND WIDE ROAD MARKING AND SIGNAGE UPGRADE ROUTE 31 (CHALAN MONSIGNOR GUERRERO ROAD) PROJECT NO. CM-NH-3000(017), SAIPAN

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Island Wide Road Marking and Signage Upgrade Route 31 (Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road), Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **October 25, 2013** at Pacific Quick Print & Post, located in Middle Road, Garapan, Saipan. A non-refundable payment to Pacific Quick Print & Post, is required to defray the cost of printing the package.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **November 13, 2013**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 27, 2013 to Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 pm to **Mr. Vicente C. Cabrera, Acting Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addenda, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked **"DPW/FHWA-13-IFB-008"**. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 2, 2013**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **December 2, 2013** and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 2, 2013** and must be received no later than **December 11, 2013**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **December 13, 2013**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **December 5, 2013**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **\$70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and

b) Under penalty of perjury, a certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

1) Cash

2) US Gov't Securities

3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange

4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and

5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Fifty (150) working days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed according to Table 108-1 of the standard Specification for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects, FP-03

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply



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**Request for Qualifications for Provision of Architect and Engineering Services
702 CIP Project Managers
RFQ14-GOV-011**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, through the Office of Capital Improvement (collectively, “Commonwealth”) are soliciting Statements of Qualifications from architects and engineers to provide project manager services for designated federally funded projects.

The Commonwealth has current needs for project manager services and is anticipating additional requirements during part of 2013 and 2014 calendar years. Specific project assignments are dependent upon needs of the Commonwealth and may include oversight of project planning; permitting; design; construction activities; and closeout.

Selected architects and engineers (“Project Managers”) will be retained as independent contractors under the general supervision of the Contracting Officer or his designee. Project Managers will act as agent of the expenditure authority on assigned capital projects to ensure that identified objectives are achieved within cost; time; and legal requirements; while maintaining effective stakeholder communications. Selected Project Managers will be retained on a one-year contract with an option to renew for an additional year at the discretion of the Commonwealth.

Compensation for project manager services will be determined based on the required project management services for each assigned project and may include approved staff and expenses. The Commonwealth will negotiate with selected Project Managers to determine the required scope of services for assigned responsibilities. Individuals or firms selected to serve, as project managers would be precluded from providing any other services associated with the assigned project.

Interested parties may pick up the applicable scope of work and submittal requirements (“Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements”) at the Office of Capital Improvement, Juan A. Sablan Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, beginning November 5, 2013 during working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4: 30 p.m. - Monday through Friday, except on holidays). Submittal of all qualifications must precisely follow the submittal requirements identified in the Scope of Work and Submittal Requirements.

Selection of individuals for the provision of services shall be guided by the Commonwealth Department of Finance Division of Procurement& Supply, Procurement Regulations § 7070-30.3-305. Three copies of qualifications should be submitted to the Commonwealth Division of Procurement & Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP 96950 in a sealed envelope marked “Project Manager Qualifications RFQ14-GOV-011” no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, December 2, 2013.

Statements of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored based on the following factors:

1. Past experience as a project manager – 70%
2. Interview – 30%

Interviews will be conducted with the individuals who are determined to have the most appropriate qualifications for the needs of the Commonwealth. Architect and engineering firms may submit qualifications, however, they must identify qualifications of specific individuals who are to be considered for the provision of these services and evaluation of qualifications will be based on the experience, references, and interview of the designated individual.

This project is funded through grants from the United States Department of Interior, Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) with local matching funds. Contract award is contingent upon approval from DOI.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any non-material imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the government. All submitted documents shall become the property of the Commonwealth.



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**INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-015**

Autoclave Unit for Tinian Health Center

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Purchase of Autoclave Unit for the Tinian Health Center.

The project package will be available Friday, November 1, 2013 at the Governor’s CIP Administrator’s Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 19, 2013 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked “ITB14-GOV-015”. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 29, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 29, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 29, 2013 and must be received no later than December 6, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 1:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 6, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 1:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on November 29, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceeds the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P & S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

- Acceptable asset are only:
- 1) Cash
 - 2) US Government Securities
 - 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
 - 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
 - 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director
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**INVITATION TO BID
ITB14-GOV-014**

Replacement of Air Conditioning Units for PDO and Arts Council Office

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider, are soliciting sealed bids for the Replacement of Air Conditioning Units for Office of the Public Defender and DCCA - Arts Council Office.

The project package will be available on or after November 1, 2013 at the Governor’s CIP Administrator’s Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. All interested bidders are required to include an Insurer Certification Clearance (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC should be obtained at the Department of Commerce, Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capitol Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, as revised through May 24, 2001. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on November 19, 2013 to Ms. Elizabeth Balajadia of the Capital Improvement Program, Office of the Governor, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 664-2408.

Sealed bids must be marked “ITB14-GOV-014”. For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, November 29, 2013. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time November 29, 2013, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than November 29, 2013 and must be received no later than December 11, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. Saipan local time, December 12, 2013. However, if no notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will opened at 10:30 a.m. Saipan local time, on November 29, 2013.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen percent (15 %) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: “Credit Account No. 44660”. If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations NMIAC Section 70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price greater than \$25,000.00.

Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

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Performance time for completion of this project is sixty (60) calendar days upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. The daily amount of liquidated damages shall be greater of (i) one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or (ii) two percent (2%) of the contract price divided by sixty (60) calendar days, the contract time and will be assessed as delays beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/Herman S. Sablan, Director
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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP13-GOV-185**

**Architectural & Engineering Design Services
for the Existing Municipal Solid Waste Facility**

Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Jude U. Hofschneider through the Capital Improvement Office, is soliciting sealed proposals for the Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the Existing Muncial Solid Waste Facility, Tinian MP, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with NMIAC Section 70-30.3-305.

Prior to being awarded a design contract, the firm or company must have obtained a valid Certificate of Authorization (COA) from the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Board of Professional Licensing.

The Scope of Work (SOW) will be available on or after October 11, 2013 at the Capital Improvement Office, Office of the Governor. A \$25.00 non-refundable fee for the project package will be assessed. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment be presented when obtaining the package. A Pre-Proposal Meeting is scheduled on at the Governor’s Office, Capitol Hill, Saipan on October 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m at the Governor’s Conference Room . The project completion time for this project is 120 calendar days. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager at Fax no. (670) 664-2408 or via email at balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com no later than Monday, October 30, 2013, 4:30 p.m., local time. Responses to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

Proposals shall not exceed twenty five (25) pages. Note that a firm or company that submits as a prime consultant cannot submit as a subconsultant on another proposal. However, subconsultants maybe included in multiple proposals by different consultants.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Qualification and Experience on similar projects (25%)
2. Project Approach (25%)
3. Work load and resources to accomplish the work in the required time frame (25%)
4. Past performance with the CNMI Government on similar projects (25%)
5. Fee Proposal (0%)

Proposals must be sealed and marked RFP13-GOV-185. For proposals within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive, Saipan, no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, November 13, 2013. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitted an Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to submit proposal must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 2:00 p.m. local time, November 13, 2013, local time, and maybe submitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed proposals must be marked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal services of the foreign country no later than November 13, 2013 AND the proposal must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement & Supply Lower Base Drive no later than November 22, 2013. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussion shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required.

A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified architect/engineer firm or company at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price cannot be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms maybe selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful proposer(s) will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement and Supply Regulations Section NMIAC 70-30.3-245.

All responses to this RFP shall take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer(s) awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become the property of the Government.

/s/ ELOY S. INOS, Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
Procurement and Supply, DOF

Habitual offender in armed robbery gets 15 years in jail

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REPORTER

Maximo San Nicolas Muña, a habitual offender who robbed the poker arcade of J's Restaurant in Gualo Rai, was slapped with 15-and-a-half year sentence without the possibility of parole.

After he finishes serving his sentence, Muña will be placed on probation for eight years, during which he will be prohibited from possessing or using illegal drugs.

Muna, 22, was required to pay \$800 in probation fees and \$100 for court costs.

In a written order on Wednesday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo ordered Muña to be incarcerated for 15 years, all suspended except for eight years, to be served without the possibility of parole. He was given credit

for one year and 18 days of time served. The sentence was for the robbery case.

For theft, Muña was ordered to serve six months in prison, to be served concurrently with the robbery sentence.

For each of the four counts of disturbing the peace, the defendant was ordered to serve six months in prison or a total of two years, which shall be served concurrently.

Muña was ordered to serve eight and half years in jail without the possibility of parole, which represents the remaining term of his probation sentence in a previous criminal conviction.

In total, Muña was ordered to spend 15 and half years without the possibility of parole.

On June 20, 2013, a jury found Muña guilty of armed robbery. Govendo, who decided on the misdemeanor charges, found him guilty of theft, criminal

contempt, and four counts of disturbing the peace.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer represented the defendant.

Assistant attorney general James McAllister recommended the maximum 31 years imprisonment, without the possibility of parole.

McAllister said that Muña is a serious danger to the community as over the years, he has shown no intent to obey the laws of a civilized society despite being shown leniency on several occasions.

McAllister said a strong message is warranted and necessary in order to incapacitate and deter Muña from committing similar violent crimes in the future.

The prosecutor said this case involved violence, drugs, premeditation, conspiracy, theft, and multiple victims.

As seen in the video sur-

veillance footage, the four J's employees were extremely disturbed and ended up running for their lives, McAllister said.

The employees, he said, witnessed a masked man wielding a machete running right past them and into the poker booth, where he stole approximately \$100 worth of coins on Oct. 4, 2012.

"The level of sophistication in this case is troubling, as the evidence shows defendant was 'casing' J's Restaurant and enlisting co-conspirators in advance," the prosecutor said.

McAllister noted Muña's extensive criminal history, including an August 2010 conviction for attempted murder for which he is still on probation.

In that 2010 case, the prosecutor said, Muña admitted to stabbing the victim several times with the intent to kill during another armed robbery.

McAllister said that despite serving a 3-and-a-half-year sentence, Muña has demonstrated that he is not rehabili-

tated and has instead committed a very similar crime less than five months after being released from prison.

High Court will hear Tuesday who should be appointed vice Ayuyu

The CNMI Supreme Court will hear on Tuesday a certified question as to who the governor should appoint to fill a vacancy in the Senate with the resignation of Rota senator Juan M. Ayuyu.

CNMI Supreme Court Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro has ordered that, unless otherwise waived by the parties, a hearing on the certified question is set for Tuesday at 10:30am.

Castro allotted each party 30 minutes to present their arguments.

Castro said a motion to postpone or allow a longer argument may be made in advance of the scheduled hearing date.

Sen. Frank Cruz submitted a certified question as to who should replace Ayuyu, who stepped down as senator after pleading guilty to charges relating to the smuggling of en-

dangered fruit bats from Rota to Saipan.

Cruz believes that Joey Quitugua should replace Ayuyu because Quitugua got the next highest vote among Rota senatorial candidates in the 2009 elections.

Rep. Janet Maratita and Sen. Pete P. Reyes, however, believe that former Senate president Paul A. Manglona should be appointed as he got the next highest vote among candidates in the 2012 senatorial elections.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona recently granted Ayuyu's request to postpone his sentencing to Dec. 20, 2013, at 9am. The original sentencing date was Nov. 8, 2013. Last August, the court allowed his temporary release while he awaits his sentencing. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

IT&E's 'Live Green' brings e-cycling bins to NMI, Guam

The Marianas telecommunications leader launched the community phase of its "Live Green" campaign this week with the installation of e-cycling bins in the CNMI and Guam.

IT&E posted e-cycling receptacles at retail outlets to collect old phones from any phone company so that they may be disposed of properly. When the receptacles are filled, the items will be picked up from IT&E and shipped to the U.S. main-

land for proper disposal.

"This is the latest step in our journey to become the Marianas environmental leader. We are focused on doing what we can to help our environment and to keep our islands beautiful," said IT&E CNMI managing director Rose Soledad.

The first receptacles have been placed at IT&E offices in Chalan Laulau, Garapan, and Susupe in Saipan and throughout Guam. CNMI project coor-

dinator Ed Javier said that if the project is successful, IT&E may include Rota and Tinian as well.

The IT&E Live Green campaign is a joint project between IT&E employees in the CNMI and Guam to help IT&E find ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle throughout the company.

The e-cycling bins follow the successful implementation of policies and procedures that have drastically scaled down the size of IT&E's carbon footprint.

The Live Green concept is an extension of IT&E's tradition of environmental appreciation that includes beach cleanups and its partnership with the Mariana Islands Nature Alliance that supports the sponsorship of the recycling bins at the Oleai Sports Complex as well as sponsoring MINA's largest fundraising event of the year, the Green Gala.

For more information about IT&E, contact IT&E Customer Care at 682-4ITE (4483). *(IT&E)*

Veterans Day proclamation signing

There will be a proclamation signing for Veterans Day on Nov. 5, 2013, at 11am, at the Office of the Governor's conference room on Capital Hill. All veterans, active and reserved military personnel, family members and the general public are invited to come and join us for this proclamation signing.

This year, Veterans Day falls on Nov. 11, 2013.

On that day, the CNMI will celebrate Veterans Day at the American Memorial Park starting at 11am. The public is invited to join the occasion.

For more information, call Bernie B. Dela Cruz at 664-2650 or Director Camacho at 287-5351. *(PR)*

DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

In Celebration of His New Life

†Juan Seman

Born to life on February 10, 1951 and was called to his eternal rest on October 26, 2013 at the age of 62.

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

Mother: †Cecilia Seman Cabrera

Grandparents: †Juliana Seman & †Eter Nogis

Brothers: †Jose S. Iba, †Antonio S. Iba, †Francisco S. Iba, †Victorina Seman, †Nicanor S. Cabrera

Brother & Sister In-Law: †David E. Castro & †Nida R. Cabrera

His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of His:

Common-Law Wife: Lolida Kilafwakun

Daughter: Lana Marie K. Seman

Son: Johnston & Dorothy (Taft) Alokoa & Children

Brothers, Sisters & In-Laws: Maria (Sumiko) I. Castro and Children, Angelica S. Iba and Children, Margarita B. Iba and Children, Concepcion R. Cabrera and Children, Jesus Cabrera & Romana Maratita and Children, Kasimiro S. & Gloria A. Cabrera and Children, Rosa S. Cabrera and Children, Juan S. Cabrera & Magdalena Villanueva and Children, Valentino S. Cabrera & Martina Cruz and Children, Nicolas S. & Wilma T. Cabrera and Children, Ramon & Juanita S. Seman and Children, Alicia S. & Gregorio T. Reyes and Daughter

Reedon Kilafwakun and Children, Ruth Smith and Children, Hamrick Kilafwakun and Children, Juselina Kilafwakun and Children

Daily Mass of Intention is offered at 6:00PM followed by the Holy Rosary at San Antonio Church.

Funeral Services is scheduled for Monday, November 04, 2013. His remains will depart from Borja Funeral Home at 8:30AM and escorted to San Antonio Church. Responso Service will be at 9:00AM followed by the Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed by Interment Service at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Un Sen Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

The Family

First Death Anniversary †Isidro M. Mettao

We, the family of the late
+Isidro M. Mettao
respectfully invite our relatives
and friends to join us in
prayers as we commemorate
the First Death Anniversary
of our beloved father and
husband unto eternal life.

Rosary will be offered as follows:

October 30th and 31st, 2013 – 7:00 p.m., Santa Soledad Church

November 1st and 2nd, 2013 – 9:00 a.m., Family Residence in Kagman 2

November 3rd to 6th, 2013 – 7:00 p.m., Family Residence in Kagman 2

On the final day, Thursday, November 7th, rosary will be held at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 5:00 a.m. and mass will follow immediately afterwards at 6:00 a.m.

Your prayers, thoughts and presence
are greatly appreciated.



Off The Wall

Indonesian city trying to end masked monkey shows

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia's capital is getting rid of the monkey business.

Security forces are conducting raids to rescue macaques used in masked monkey performances on Jakarta's streets.

The order came from Jakarta Gov. Joko Widodo, better known as "Jokowi," who wants all roadside monkey performances—known here as topeng monyet—gone by next year.

He said that besides improving public order and stopping animal abuse, the move is aimed at preventing diseases carried by the monkeys.

The city government will buy back all monkeys used as street buskers for about \$90 and shelter them at a 1-hectare (2.5-acre) preserve at Jakarta's Ragunan Zoo. The handlers and caretakers will be provided vocational training to help find new jobs.

Animal rights groups have long campaigned for a ban on the shows, which often involve monkeys wearing plastic baby doll heads on their faces. They say the monkeys are hung from chains for long periods to train them to walk on their hind legs like humans. Their teeth are pulled so they can't bite, and

they are tortured to remain obedient. The monkeys are often outfitted in dresses and cowboy hats and forced to carry parasols or ride tiny bikes.

Femke den Haas of the Jakarta Animal Aid Network welcomed the decision, saying at least 22 monkeys have been rescued since the sweep began last week and quarantined for health issues. She estimated about 350 animals work as street performers in Jakarta, adding they are no longer able to live with other primates in zoos and cannot defend themselves in the wild.

In 2011, backed by the city administration, the group rescued 40 monkeys used in shows, which are often performed when traffic is backed up at Jakarta's notoriously congested intersections. Many suffered illnesses, including tuberculosis and hepatitis.

Many of the macaques are trained at a slum area in eastern Jakarta, known locally as "monkey village." A trained macaque can be sold for up to \$135.

Sarinah, 37, who owns 13 monkeys used in the daily street shows, said the ban has hurt her livelihood. Seven of her macaques have been confiscated in

recent raids.

"Of course I'm disappointed ... but I cannot do anything!" said Sarinah, a mother of three who uses a single name like many Indonesians.

She said she takes good care of the animals and loves them like her own children.

In this photo taken on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2013, a street monkey wears a baby doll mask as it performs in a slum in Jakarta, Indonesia.

AP



In Humble Gratitude

We are blessed with God's gift of relatives and friends who came to be with us to share the mourning of our departed

† JESUS IGISOMAR WABOL

Your thoughtfulness and unselfish support in expressing your sympathy and condolences have greatly helped us in bearing the sorrow and the pain of our loss. Your prayers and the time you spent with us has lightened the endurance of our pain, and our great loss and loneliness.

To all our relatives and friends,
both on and off island,
we thank you more than words
can express. As you
have remembered our beloved in
your prayers, we
will also remember you
and your loved ones
in ours...

Ghilisow, Thank You and
Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'ase'
God Bless You All!

THE FAMILY



OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Texan survives being hit by lightning twice

SAINT JO, Texas (AP)—An off-road racing enthusiast has survived being struck by lightning twice during the same storm in North Texas. Casey Wagner said Sunday that doctors told him a tingling feeling would last for about a week. KTVT-TV reports Wagner was at an off-road competition in Saint Jo, 85 miles northwest of Dallas, when storms arrived. The 31-year-old Wagner was under a tree when he was hit by lightning. He dropped to his knees then he was struck again. Wagner says he saw sparks during the strikes. A nurse who happened to be nearby cared for Wagner until he was taken to a hospital, where he was treated and released. Wagner says he believes God kept him alive - and he plans to start going to church more.

Severed finger leads police to Ariz. theft suspect

GLENDALE, Ariz. (AP)—A severed finger left at the crime scene helped police in Arizona arrest a man suspected of trying to steal copper wire. An air conditioning company employee told Glendale police someone tried to steal the wire from his truck on Oct. 7. The spool of

wire—worth more than \$300—had been pulled out about 20 feet from the truck, and what appeared to be a cut off finger was caught in the wiring. Police retrieved the finger as evidence, and forensic technicians were able to match the fingerprint to 29-year-old Joshua Allen Goverman. Goverman told detectives he lost part of a finger while working on a car. He was booked on suspicion of theft.

Parasites found in Calif. 'sea serpent' dissection

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP)—One of two oarfish found in Southern California waters earlier this month had a host of parasites living in its giant, serpent-like body. Scientists from the University of California, Santa Barbara last week dissected the 18-foot oarfish found off Catalina Island and found large, larval tapeworms in its intestine. An adult spiny-headed worm also was found embedded in the intestine. Scientists say the discovery of the parasites is important because it tells them what the natural enemies of the oarfish are and could indicate where the elusive fish lives or hunts for food. A snorkeler found the carcass of the oarfish Oct. 13. Several days later, another oarfish washed ashore in Oceanside.

Science & Technology

Which streaming service is right for you?

By JIM ROSSMAN
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Streaming video services seem to be everywhere these days. If you're like me, you wonder which one (or two) you should be using.

The streaming video service is the cord cutter's best friend. Local channels received over the air are great, but when you have kids who want to watch cartoons, it helps to have a service like Netflix or Hulu Plus to fire up.

So of the services avail-

able, which ones should you consider?

NETFLIX

The granddaddy of streaming video, Netflix (\$8 a month) is a solid choice for movie fans and those who like past seasons of TV shows.

Netflix has a huge library of movies and TV shows, though not many shows from the current season and not as many as Hulu Plus.

Netflix is starting to offer

original programming, including shows such as "House of Cards" and "Orange Is the New Black," which are getting good buzz. It also offers a "Netflix for Kids" area, which is a safe place for your kids to browse.

HULU PLUS

Hulu Plus (\$8 a month) started out as a collaboration between NBC, Fox and ABC/Disney, so it's not surprising it is very TV show-oriented.

If you missed a show on any of those networks, chances are you can catch it the next day on

Hulu Plus.

Hulu Plus also offers a growing selection of movies, but not nearly as many as Netflix. It also offers original programming; Hulu Plus debuted 10 new series last year that are available free on the Web, not just to Hulu Plus subscribers.

While there is programming for kids, Hulu Plus is more focused on prime-time shows.

AMAZON PRIME

Amazon Prime is an \$80-a-year

premium service that offers free shipping on many Amazon items. A bonus of Prime is a subscription to Amazon Prime Instant Video, which is a nice selection of movies and TV shows, but nothing current.

Amazon does have some interesting content, like "Downton Abbey" and "Duck Dynasty." It's certainly worth a look if you already subscribe to Amazon Prime.

REDBOX INSTANT

The newbie in this review is Redbox Instant (\$6 a month), which could be a contender if it beefs up its content offerings.

The latest figures I could find

showed that Redbox has about one-third as many titles as Netflix. The Redbox library is almost all movies.

An interesting feature is the addition of four Redbox DVD rentals per month for an extra \$2 a month. If you rent frequently from Redbox's DVD kiosk, this might be a good place to dip your foot into streaming.

TO SUM UP

All of these services offer a decent amount of content. Netflix and Hulu Plus are available on devices like Apple TV or Roku. Amazon is available on Roku, while they are all available on the Web.

I am a Netflix subscriber and use it often. I'm also an Amazon Prime subscriber, but I rarely watch the videos because they're not on Apple TV.

I did subscribe to Hulu Plus when I cut the cord, but after I returned to pay TV, I let it expire.

You've got mail? Not in free AOL

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: In April, I canceled a paid AOL subscription by phone, but opted to continue using the free version of AOL email for another six months. In October, I tried to go through my old saved email messages to find any attached photos, and discovered that the old emails were gone.

The person at AOL never told me that my old emails wouldn't be saved. I called AOL back, and was rudely told that for \$9.99 for one month they would give me instructions on how to obtain my old emails. They also wanted my credit card information.

I feel like they are holding my old email hostage. Is there any other way to retrieve my old email messages?—Jan Thompson, Richfield, Minn.

ANSWER: Before you pay AOL to recover your old email messages, try a workaround method (step 5 at <http://tinyurl.com/n4x8ywx>). The workaround should transfer the email, settings and contacts from your old for-pay AOL email account to your new free AOL email account.

Besides not telling you on the phone that your old messages would disappear, AOL also makes no effort to tell you on its cancel-your-paid-account website (<http://tinyurl.com/kzjdrr8>), which says you'll no longer have access to certain unspecified email features if you cancel. The only specific warning is that you'll lose access to your address book.

Whether you get your old emails back or not, you should find a new free email provider. I suggest Google's Gmail or Yahoo Mail.

Q: The spelling correction in my Windows 8 browser, Internet Explorer 10, worked for both of the Windows 8 interfaces (Metro tiles and traditional desktop). But now it's quit working for the desktop. Any suggestions?—Bill Boatright, Jacksonville, Fla.

A: First, reboot your computer to see if that solves the problem. If it doesn't, you can try some Internet Explorer 10 adjustments using directions at <http://tinyurl.com/qfuljz3> or <http://tinyurl.com/ox2xmkk>. Or just use another Windows 8 browser such as Google Chrome (<http://tinyurl.com/9ccbkzr>) or Mozilla Firefox (<http://tinyurl.com/cvxuuff>). Both have a spell-checker.

Q: I would like to uninstall the "Delta Search" program on my Windows XP laptop PC, but I can't find a way to do it. Any suggestions?—John Widvey, Worthington, Minn.

A: Delta Search is a malware program that piggybacks on other free downloads, such as DJ music-mixing software. It can replace your browser home page, install itself as your default search engine, insert its own ads in your search results and keep track of the search terms you use. To get rid of Delta Search, see <http://tinyurl.com/bqmvdhn>. The process uses the free anti-malware programs AdwCleaner, Malwarebytes and HitmanPro, all of which I've used and can vouch for.

In Loving Memory of †Cesario Taitano Concepcion

Lovingly known as "Charu"

April 20, 1929 – October 28, 2013

In his new life, he now joins:

Wife: †Carmen Attao Concepcion

Children: †Maria Victoria C. Tudela, †Julian A. Concepcion, †Henry A. Concepcion, †Rosa A. Concepcion

Grandchildren: †Realene S. Concepcion, †Jose C. Concepcion, †Juan C. Concepcion

Parents: †Rosa Quitano Taitano and †Julian Cruz Concepcion

Parents In-law: †Natividad San Nicolas Attao and Vicente Magofna Attao

Daughter In-law: †Celina C. Concepcion

Siblings & In-laws: †Juan T. & †Solidad S. Concepcion, †Antonina C. & †Isidro Muna, †Rosita T. Concepcion, †Anna C. & †August Atalig, †Louise C. & †Jose Sablan, †Remedio C. & †Jose Aldan, †Jose SN & †Rosario C. Attao, †Pedro SN & Nympha T. Attao, †Margarita A. Duenas, †Teresita SN Attao, †Isabelle A. & Ignacio M. Benavente, †Maria A. & †Alejandro Q. Bermudes

His Memories Will Forever Live in the Hearts of his

Children:

†Maria Victoria C., Joaquin & Annie Tudela (Jackie/Abdel, Frankie, JJ, Jared, Joela and Children)

†Julian A. & Victoria Borja Concepcion (Cartrina/IJ, Tanya/John, Lorna/John Jr., Victor Jude/Roxanne and Children)

Edward A. & Dorothy Salas Concepcion, +Celina Camacho Concepcion (Melissa/John Michael, Trisha/Joseph, Rose/Sisong, Edward Jr./Lorenza, Emberdee/Vinx, Reagan and Children)

Serafino A. Concepcion

Alicia C. & Jesus Mettao Taitano (Michelle/Polly Anne and Children)

Julita C. & Francisco Deleon Guerrero Crisostomo (Samantha/JJ, Verna/Wayne, Franklin, Joel/Pamela and Children)

Vicente A. & Melva Babauta Concepcion (Darrell/Jamie, Jerel/Amelia, Zackery/Michelle, Vincent/Jennifer, Donavon and Children)

Linda A. Concepcion

Patricia C. & Antonio Pangelinan Sablan (Peonie/Willy, Pennie, TJ/Trini, Andrew/Shalane and Children)

Danny A. & Virginia Moses Concepcion (Danny Jr./Christine, Kyle, Keith, Danielle)

Richard A. & Lucy Babauta Concepcion (Brian/Naomi, Christopher/Jovet, Darcy/Charles, Courtney/Roosevelt and Children)

Frances C. & Joseph Masga Agulto (Jesse/Monique, Thomas, Alice and Children)

Winnie C. & Patrick Taimanao Celis (Jonathan, Paul, Perry, Justin, Patrick Jr.)

Danny Jr. M. & Christine Castro Concepcion (Kyra, Khamia, Keveaha)

In-law, George Duenas and family (†Margarita A. Duenas)

Caregivers: Lynn P. Almojuela, Maricar Barroga, Tess Barroga, Luz Padilla, and Stella Morales

Cesario will also be missed and forever cherished by numerous families and friends.

Mass for the repose of his soul is being offered daily at 6:00 a.m. and prayer of the Holy Rosary is being said nightly at 7:30 p.m. at Kristo Rai Church.

On Tuesday, November 05, 2013 his remains will be escorted from Cabrera Funeral Home to Kristo Rai Church at 7:30am followed by Responso and Holy Rosary. Mass of Christian Burial will be prayed at 11:00am and followed by interment at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Un Dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank You for your thoughts and prayers.

Children and Families of the Late †Carmen A. & †Cesario Taitano Concepcion

Mom is center of tug-of-war between boyfriend and son

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced five years and have five children, ranging in age from 23 to 8. When I was having trouble with my middle son, "Logan," I found help from his godfather, "Carl." I hadn't seen Carl in years. He was my ex's best friend when Logan was born.

Long story short, Carl and I have been in a committed relationship for two years now. He has been more a part of our lives than my ex has. Four of my kids love Carl, and he is very involved in their lives. Logan, however, hates him and throws a fit if his name is mentioned. I have tried to explain that I didn't intend this to happen, but Logan feels I "took away his godfather from him." Carl is still there for him, but Logan will have none of it and refuses to listen.

Carl and I mainly spend time together on the weekends we don't have our kids, or meet for lunch or breakfast. I'm at a loss. Logan is now 17. I don't want to lose Carl. He's a great man and wants what's best for me and the kids. What should I do?

PULLED IN TWO DIRECTIONS IN CANADA

DEAR PULLED: Logan may be 17, but he is acting like a child. Do not let his behavior discourage you from having a life. In another year he will be 18—and either concentrating on finishing his education or finding a job.

Logan needs to realize that he hasn't "lost" a godfather, and that everyone may eventually be gaining a stepdad. He also needs to understand that if he can't accept it, he will find himself odd man out in an otherwise healthy, happy and functional family.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend of five years, "Todd," is a daily pot smoker. We met during our senior year of college, and I knew he smoked. I don't use drugs, and I assumed that after college he would grow up. However, it seems unlikely that he will quit, and frankly, I'm sick of it.

I have asked Todd for the last four years to please stop, but he hasn't. He keeps saying he will, but I don't know how much longer I want to wait. I know it's unfair to expect to change someone, but I would not be comfortable getting engaged or married to Todd if he's still getting stoned. I love him. Should I give it more time or move on?

PATIENT GIRLFRIEND IN SAN DIEGO

DEAR GIRLFRIEND: You have been patient enough. If Todd had any intention of quitting, it would have happened already. Four years of procrastination are enough. Because you feel so strongly about this, it's time to move on because your boyfriend is not going to change.

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DEAR ABBY: I would like to share a Thanksgiving tradition our family has enjoyed for years. We realized that after a big holiday dinner we weren't ready to eat a lot of dessert, so we started having "Pie Night" the evening before Thanksgiving. After a light meal we could enjoy the various pies or cakes family members brought. It became one of our favorite traditions.

My father suggested it as a social event/fundraiser to the pastor of our local church, and it was one of their best-attended events. Our family is scattered across the country now, but those times were some of my favorites, and I thought some of your readers might like to incorporate it into their holiday celebrations, too.

GOOD TIMES IN ARIZONA

DEAR GOOD TIMES: They might, indeed, especially if they are trying to spread those extra calories over a longer period. (And it would be a good idea to exercise the day after they indulge.) Thanks for the suggestion.

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Dear Abby

Life & Style

Lenovo hires Kutcher to design, pitch new tablet

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Computer-maker Lenovo has hired tech-savvy actor Ashton Kutcher to help design and pitch its latest line of tablets, dubbing the Hollywood star a "product engineer" who can bring his ideas along with his image.

It's the latest tech foray for the "Two and a Half Men" performer who recently starred in a biopic about innovative giant Steve Jobs and has invested venture capital in more than a

dozen Silicon Valley startups.

The deal was announced Tuesday at a Lenovo live-streamed event in Los Angeles. Lenovo's first video advertisements for the new Yoga Tablet feature Kutcher acting as a product tester in his boxers, a spacesuit and aboard an airplane.

The company said Kutcher will do more than just advertise.

"This partnership goes beyond traditional bounds by deeply integrating him into

our organization as a product engineer as we look at developing the next wave of products," said Lenovo spokesman David Roman.

Kutcher—who in recent years has appeared in ads for snack chips and cameras—said of Lenovo, "Entrepreneurship is part of their DNA, and I couldn't ask for a better fit."

Financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Lenovo, with headquarters in

Beijing and in Research Triangle Park, N.C., acquired IBM's computer business in 2005 and became the world's top PC-maker ahead of HP in the third quarter. But, like other manufacturers, it has struggled with waning consumer demand for desktop and laptop models.

It's one of several Asian tech companies seeking to loosen Apple's grip on China's tablet market with less expensive Android models.

'Idol' judges have glowing reviews for each other

ATLANTA (AP)—Well, one thing about season 13 of "American Idol" is that unlike last season, the judges seem to be getting along.

At an audition stop in Atlanta Wednesday, Jennifer Lopez said she's excited for people to see how funny Harry Connick Jr. is and how much he knows about music.

"He incredibly funny. His music education is so far beyond the normal person I think," said the singer. "What he has to offer to America...is the art of singing, the art of playing, all of that... It's gonna be something new for the show."

When Connick Jr. was asked about Lopez, he returned the pleasantries.

"No one really has any idea what it takes to be Jennifer Lopez. I mean people say, 'Oh, I want that.' Well, if they wanted it they would do what it takes to get there and they don't even have a 10th of a percentage of an understanding to do what it takes. These people that are auditioning for this show are so lucky to have a minute of (Lopez's) time, whether they make it through or not because



This 2013 file publicity photo released by FOX shows American Idol XIII judges, from left, Keith Urban, Jennifer Lopez and Harry Connick Jr.

the essence of 'American Idol' is looking for a new superstar and Jennifer embodies superstar."

Lopez also said she has been surprised by how emotional Keith Urban is.

"I find that I'm like that and women are like that but to see a man so kind of in touch with that place it was really a pleasant surprise for me again. People got to know him last year

but I think they're gonna get to know him even more this year."

Lopez sat on the judges' panel with Randy Jackson and Steven Tyler for seasons 10 and 11 of the show. She took season 12 off to go on a world tour. Keith Urban joined the show for season 12 and is returning for his second season. This is Connick Jr.'s first time judging.

"There's a lot of subtle change

everywhere," said Urban. "Not just with us but with the way the show looks, the way it feels."

Two changes we know of: The results show has been cut to 30 minutes and Randy Jackson will remain on the show but in a mentoring capacity.

"American Idol" premieres its 13th season with a two-hour episode on Wednesday, Jan. 15, on Fox.

Marvin Gaye's children sue over 'Blurred Lines'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Two of Marvin Gaye's children sued Robin Thicke and his collaborators on the hit song "Blurred Lines" on Wednesday, accusing them of copyright infringement and alleging music company EMI failed to protect their father's legacy.

Nona Marvisa Gaye and Frankie Christian Gaye's suit is the latest salvo in a dispute over Thicke's hit and whether it copies elements of Gaye's song "Got to Give It Up."

Their lawsuit seeks to block Thicke and collaborators Pharrell and T.I. from using ele-

ments of their father's music in "Blurred Lines" or other songs.

Thicke has denied copying Gaye's song for "Blurred Lines," which has the longest streak this year atop the Billboard Hot 100 chart and has sold more than 6 million tracks so far. The suit also accused Thicke of improperly using Gaye's song "After the Dance" in his song "Love After War."

Much of the lawsuit focuses on claims that EMI should have pursued a copyright infringement claim. It also alleges the company's executives used intima-

tion to try to stop the Gaye family from pursuing a lawsuit.

The suit claims EMI, which is owned by Sony/ATV Music Publishing, has allowed a conflict of interest between the family's rights and the profits it is earning from "Blurred Lines" sales.

"This conflict has resulted in EMI's intentional decision to align themselves with the ('Blurred Lines') writers, without regard to the harm inflicted upon the rights and interests of the Gaye family, and the legacy of Marvin Gaye," the lawsuit states.

Claire Danes to host Nobel Peace Prize concert

NEW YORK (AP)—Claire Danes has been tapped to host the 20th anniversary Nobel Peace Prize concert in December.

The Emmy-winning "Homeland" actress will host the Dec. 11 event in Oslo, Norway.

The concert will celebrate the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, which was awarded the prestigious



Danes

honor earlier this month.

The watchdog agency works to eliminate the world's chemical weapons and received the prize days after OPCW in-

spectors started arriving in war-torn Syria to oversee the dismantling of President Bashar Assad's chemical arsenal.

The Nobel Peace Prize concert typically attracts top celebrities. Past luminaries have included Paul McCartney, Rihanna, and Tony Bennett. The lineup for this year's concert has yet to be announced.

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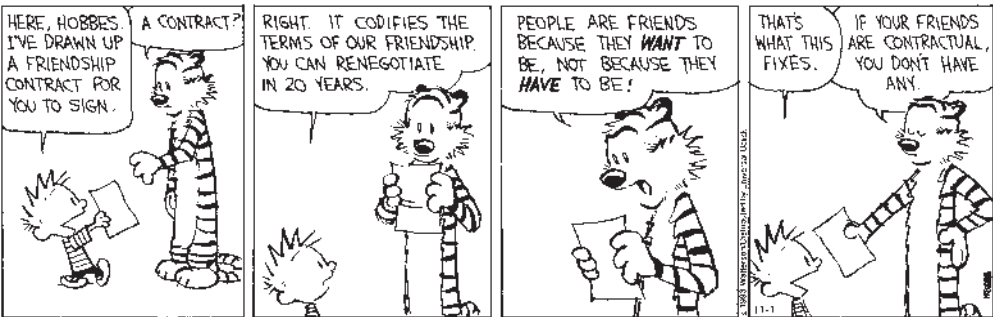
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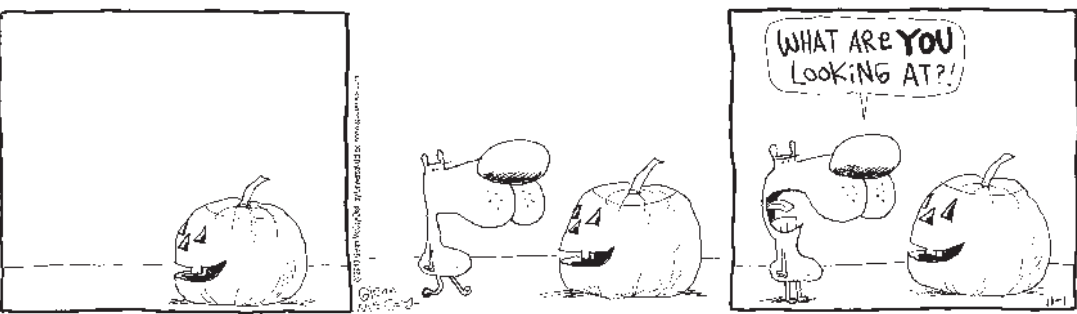
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Hawes leads late charge, 76ers stun Heat

PHILADELPHIA (AP)— Spencer Hawes scored 24 points and hit the winning basket to lead the Philadelphia 76ers past the Miami Heat 114-110 Wednesday night.

The Sixers were strong from the opening tip, making their first 11 shots and racing to a 26-4 lead against the reigning NBA champions, who had opened the season with a win over the Chicago Bulls the previous night.

The Heat erased the deficit in the third quarter and appeared to take control behind LeBron James.

Hawes hit a 3-pointer, then a driving layup for a 109-108 lead with 2:01 left.

James blew two straight chances to put Miami up, losing the ball on a drive down the middle, then missing a 6-footer on the next possession.

Shane Battier missed his seventh straight 3-point attempt, and the Sixers put the game away from the free-throw line.

Michael Carter-Williams had 22 points, 12 assists and set an NBA first-game record with nine steals for the Sixers. Evan Turner scored 26.

LeBron James had 25 points and 13 assists and Chris Bosh scored 22 for Miami.

Rockets 96, Bobcats 83

In Houston, Dwight Howard had 17 points and a career-high-equaling 26 rebounds in his Houston debut as the Rockets cruised past Charlotte.

Howard spurned the Lakers to sign an \$88 million deal with Houston, joining James Harden and a team that made the playoffs last season for the first time since 2009.

The Rockets led by four points in the fourth quarter before using a 14-4 run to extend the lead to 86-72 with about 3½ minutes left.

Harden tossed an alley-oop to Howard for a dunk during that span. The crowd roared as Howard pointed and smiled at his new teammate.

Another dunk by Howard, this one a two-handed slam, capped the spurt.

The Bobcats were led by Josh McRoberts, who had 15 points.

Spurs 101, Grizzlies 104

In San Antonio, Kawhi Leonard had 14 points and Tony Parker added 13 points and nine assists, helping San Antonio get off to a strong start after last season's disappointing loss in the NBA Finals.

The Spurs set a franchise record while outscoring the Grizzlies 30-7 in the second quarter.

Boris Diaw had 14 points and Manu Ginobili and Patty Mills each had 12 points. Tiago Splitter had 11 points and eight rebounds for San Antonio.

Tim Duncan left the game with a chest contusion after taking an inadvertent elbow with 10:50 left in the third quarter. Duncan did



Philadelphia 76ers' Michael Carter-Williams, right, drives past Miami Heat's Chris Bosh during the second half of an NBA basketball game, Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, in Philadelphia. The 76ers won, 114-110.

not return after retreating to the locker room. He had three points and six rebounds in 17 minutes. His status for Friday's game at the Los Angeles Lakers was unknown.

Timberwolves 120, Magic 115, OT

In Minneapolis, Kevin Love had 31 points and 17 rebounds and hit the game-tying 3-pointer with 10.2 seconds left to force overtime in Minnesota's victory over Orlando.

Ricky Rubio had 13 points, 11 assists and three steals for the Timberwolves, who survived a major scare from a young and rebuilding team.

Arron Afflalo had 28 points and nine rebounds and Nikola Vucevic had 22 points and 16 rebounds for the Magic. Orlando was playing on the second night of a back-to-back, but led by three with 12.5 seconds to play.

Love made a 3-pointer just over 2 seconds later to tie the game and Afflalo missed a turn-around baseline jumper at the buzzer that would have won the game in regulation.

Warriors 125, Lakers 94

In Oakland, Klay Thompson scored a career-high 38 points as Golden State whipped Los Angeles in the Warriors' season opener.

Thompson finished 15 of 19 from the floor, including 5 of 7 from 3-point range. Golden State led by 19 at the half, 33 at the end of the third quarter and 35 early in the fourth.

David Lee added 25 points, eight rebounds and five assists, and Stephen Curry had 10 points and six assists as the Warriors

trounced a rebuilding Lakers team playing without Kobe Bryant and Steve Nash.

Jodie Meeks scored 14 points and Pau Gasol had 12 points and seven rebounds for an over-matched Lakers team playing on back-to-back nights.

Thunder 101, Jazz 98

In Salt Lake City, Kevin Durant scored 22 of his 42 points from the free throw line, including a pair with 6.4 seconds remaining, to lift Oklahoma City over Utah.

Reggie Jackson scored 14 points and had two clutch free throws of his own with 10.5 seconds to play. Thabo Sefolosha also had 14 points for the Thunder.

Gordon Hayward had a chance to tie the game for the Jazz but missed a long 3-pointer just before the buzzer.

Alec Burks had 19 of his 24 points in the second half for Utah and closed the gap to 99-98 on a dunk after Hayward came up with the ball in a mad scramble with 10 seconds left.

Cavaliers 98, Nets 94

In Cleveland, Anderson Varejao scored with 28 seconds left — off an assist from Kyrie Irving — to send Cleveland over remodeled Brooklyn in coach Mike Brown's first game back with the Cavaliers.

Varejao's jumper gave the Cavs a 93-91 lead, and Irving, who finished with 15 points, 9 assists and 7 rebounds, made four free throws in the final 14 seconds to help Cleveland put it away.

Brook Lopez scored 21 and Paul Pierce scored 17 in his first game for the Nets, who were

without coach Jason Kidd. He's serving a two-game suspension for a driving-under-the-influence conviction. Kevin Garnett, another of Brooklyn's new pieces, had 10 rebounds.

Raptors 93, Celtics 87

In Toronto, Rudy Gay had 19 points and eight rebounds, while Amir Johnson and DeMar DeRozan each scored 13 as Toronto beat Boston to end a three-game losing streak in home openers.

Jeff Green had 25 points, Brandon Bass had 17 and Vitor Faverani 13 for the Celtics, who were beaten in new coach Brad Stevens' NBA debut.

Jonas Valanciunas had eight points and 11 rebounds and Tyler Hansbrough had 12 rebounds for the Raptors, who won for just the sixth time in 26 meetings with Boston.

Kyle Lowry had 11 points and eight assists as Toronto improved to 10-9 in season-opening games.

Kris Humphries had eight points and nine rebounds for the Celtics.

Knicks 90, Bucks 83

In New York, Carmelo Anthony had 19 points and 10 rebounds as the Knicks held off Milwaukee in their season-opener after blowing a 25-point lead.

Seemingly coasting to a second straight opening-night blowout, the Knicks instead were behind with less than 3 minutes remaining before Tyson Chandler's follow dunk and two straight baskets by Anthony put them back in front by five.

Chandler added another basket in the Knicks' 10-2 run to

close out their sixth straight victory over the Bucks.

Raymond Felton added 18 points and Iman Shumpert had 16 for the Knicks, who shot 51 percent but committed 22 turnovers.

Pistons 113, Wizards 102

In Auburn Hills, Greg Monroe had 24 points and 16 rebounds, and new-look Detroit won its season opener in convincing fashion over Washington.

Andre Drummond added 12 points and eight rebounds for Detroit, which is hoping to snap a streak of four straight seasons without reaching the playoffs. The Pistons signed Josh Smith and Chauncey Billups in the off-season and added Brandon Jennings in a trade. Jennings did not play Wednesday — he's been bothered by a wisdom tooth.

Trevor Ariza scored 28 points for the Wizards, who were outscored 56-28 in the paint.

Smith had 19 points for Detroit. Washington's John Wall had 20 points and 11 assists, but went 8 of 21 from the field.

Pacers 95, Pelicans 90

In New Orleans, Paul George scored 32, George Hill capped a 19-point performance with pivotal 3-pointer in the final minute, and Indiana erased a 16-point deficit in its victory over New Orleans.

Former New Orleans forward David West helped Indiana spoil the home opener for the re-branded Pelicans by hitting four free throws in the final 1:06 and finished with 12 points. Lance Stephenson scored 16 points for the Pacers, who had opened their Roy Hibbert blocked five shots

and Ian Mahinmi blocked four for Indiana, which had 12 blocks in all.

Eric Gordon scored 25 points and former Philadelphia All-Star Jrue Holiday added 24 in his Pelicans debut. Anthony Davis had 20 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks.

Mavericks 118, Hawks 109

In Dallas, Monta Ellis started his Dallas career with 32 points and Dirk Nowitzki scored 24 as the Mavericks spoiled Mike Budenholzer's coaching debut with Atlanta.

The Mavericks hit seven 3-pointers to pull away in the fourth quarter, including two in a row from Nowitzki followed by one from Ellis for a 118-102 lead with 1:18 remaining.

Ellis was 11 of 17 from the field with eight assists and seven turnovers.

Nowitzki finished 8 of 14, including 4 of 6 from beyond the arc, after missing last year's opener and the next 26 games following right knee surgery.

Jeff Teague led Atlanta with 24.

Kings 90, Nuggets 88

In Sacramento, DeMarcus Cousins had 30 points and 14 rebounds to give Sacramento fans plenty more to cheer about than just having a team as the Kings won their season-opener 90-88 over the Denver Nuggets on Wednesday night.

Greivis Vasquez added 17 points and Isaiah Thomas had 16 off the bench to cap a celebratory night in Sacramento as the Kings opened a new era just months after nearly moving to Seattle.

Ty Lawson scored 20 points but missed a potential tying shot in the closing seconds for the Nuggets, who started off Brian Shaw's tenure with a loss. Shaw took over for last season's coach of the year George Karl, who was fired after a first-round playoff loss to Golden State despite winning 57 games in the regular season.

Suns 104, Blazers 91

In Phoenix, Goran Dragic scored 26 points and Eric Bledsoe added 22, leading the Phoenix Suns to a 104-91 victory over the Portland Trail Blazers Wednesday night and giving Jeff Hornacek a win in his coaching debut.

The Suns' Miles Plumlee scored 18 points, 16 in the first half, and grabbed 15 rebounds in his first NBA start. He scored 13 points all of last season while mostly riding the bench as a rookie for Indiana.

P.J. Tucker also scored 18, all but two in the second half, for Phoenix.

Damian Lillard scored 32, including 6 of 12 3-pointers, for the Trail Blazers. LaMarcus Aldridge added 28.

Portland fell behind by 16 in the first half and 17 in the second before getting within five with 3:15 left.

Chamblee says 'cheating' insinuation was a mistake

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP)—Golf Channel analyst Brandel Chamblee said Wednesday it was mistake to compare Tiger Woods' rules violation to his own episode of cheating on a fourth-grade math test and that he would stop writing for the website where his column appeared.



"I said Tiger Woods was cavalier about the rules. I should have stopped right there," Chamblee said Wednesday night in his first appearance on Golf Channel since his column was posted to golf.com nearly two weeks ago.

"In comparing those incidents to my cheating episode in the fourth grade, I went too far," he said. "Cheating involves intent. Now, I know what my intent was on that fourth-grade math test. But there's no way that I could know with 100 percent certainty what Tiger's intent was in any of those situations. That was my mistake."

His comments came two days after Woods and his agent, Mark Steinberg at Excel Sports, put pressure on Golf Channel to do something.

"All I am going to say is that I know I am going forward," Woods said Monday before an exhibition in China. "But then, I don't know what the Golf



Tiger Woods of the United States tees off during an exhibition golf match against Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland in Haikou, in southern China's island province Hainan, Monday, Oct. 28, 2013.

Channel is going to do or not. ... So the ball really is in the court of the Golf Channel and what they are prepared to do."

Steinberg previously told ESPN.com that he was considering legal action.

Chamblee last week apologized to Woods last week on Twitter for "this incited discourse," though he didn't back

away from his criticism, and he didn't apologize outright to Woods during his brief segment on Golf Channel.

Steinberg did not immediately respond to an email on Chamblee's comments Wednesday night.

In his column, Chamblee wrote of being caught cheating in the fourth grade, and how

the teacher had crossed a line through his "100" and given him an "F." He then wrote, "I remember when we only talked about Tiger's golf. I missed those days. He won five times and contended in majors and won the Vardon Trophy and ... how shall we say this ... was a little cavalier with the rules." He then gave Woods a "100"

with a line through it, followed by the "F."

He said an editor at golf.com asked him to rewrite the ending.

"I wish I would have listened to him," Chamblee said Wednesday.

Chamblee, a former PGA Tour player, was a contributor to SI Golf Plus whose columns

appeared on golf.com. He said he would no longer write for the publication.

"Tiger and his camp, they're upset at Golf Channel. They specifically called Golf Channel out," Chamblee said. "And to me, they're barking up the wrong tree. This column appeared on golf.com. Nobody here at Golf Channel knew anything about it. ... But all of this has made me realize that there is a conflict and confusion when you work for one company and write for another company."

He said he would no longer write for any of the Golf magazine properties next year, only for websites affiliated with NBC and Golf Channel.

"That way, if Tiger and his camp have an issue with something I write, they will at least be yelling at the right people," he said.

Chamblee said it was a 45-minute drive to take his son to school that made him realize he went over the top. He said his son told that if he had been more diplomatic in his observations, that people would be talking more about the issue than his opinion.

"It wasn't until after he said that that I offered my apology on Twitter," Chamblee said. "Maybe I should have let my son read this column before I hit send on the email."

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Lady Knights pound Lady Ayuyus

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Mt. Carmel School clobbered Kagman High School, 72-31, during last week's varsity game in the 2013-2014 MISO Girls Basketball League at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Lady Knights secured the win as early in the second quarter when it went on a 25-4 scoring. Before its explosion in the second period, Mt. Carmel led Kagman by only 9, 17-8. Jan Travilla anchored the second-frame attack, as she connected four triples and scored 13 straight markers at one point in that pivotal quarter. Earlier in the opening canto, Travilla also nailed the Lady Knight's first 7 points. She went on to finish the game with 30 markers.

Twins Michelle and Richelle Kautz also had a good scoring night, adding 16 and 15 markers, respectively. Kagman team captain Trina Santos led the Lady

Ayuyus with her 13 markers.

Before bowing to Mt. Carmel on Oct. 24, Kagman managed to barge into the win column in the varsity division after beating Saipan Southern High School in their Oct. 22 duel.

The Lady Ayuyus took the win after a big third-quarter push. Behind by 5 at the break, 11-16, Kagman collected 15 points in the third period against only 4 from Southern to grab the upper hand, 26-20. Three Kagman players drilled at least two field goals apiece in the third period, while Stephanie Lumbad made the two baskets for the Lady Rays.

The Lady Ayuyus went on to keep the driver's seat in the fourth quarter after getting a lift from Trina Lyn Santos, who scored only 2 points in the first three periods before notching 6 in the payoff canto.

Meanwhile, in the lone junior varsity game played last week,

Marianas Baptist Academy remained unbeaten in four games after whipping Kagman, 53-2.

October 22 Game

KHS 34 – J. Santos 11, T. Santos 8, Lizama 6, Iriarte 5, Ogumoro 4.

SSHS 26 – Rogoyawa 10, Lumbad 8, Achas 4, Mafnas 2.

Scoring by quarters: 5-8, 11-16, 26-20, 34-26.

October 24 Game

MCS 72 – Travilla 30, Mi. Kautz 16, R. Kautz 15, Lebría 8.

KHS 31 – T. Santos 13, Camacho 6, Lizama 4, Olaitiman 2, Ngirausui 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-8, 42-12, 60-24, 72-31.

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Mt. Carmel School's Jan Travilla, seen here challenging the defense of Marianas High School's Dianne Pablo, scored 30 points in the Lady Knights' 72-31 thrashing of Kagman High School last week in the varsity game in the MISO caging at the MHS Gymnasium.



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95 years," said John Farrell, a champion in his first season as Boston's manager.

Shane Victorino, symbolic of these resilient Sox, returned from a stiff back and got Boston rolling with a three-run double off the Green Monster against rookie sensation Michael Wacha.

John Lackey became the first pitcher to start and win a Series clincher for two different teams, allowing one run over 6 2-3 innings 11 years after his Game 7 victory as an Angels rookie in 2002.

With fans roaring on every pitch and cameras flashing, Koji Uehara struck out Matt Carpenter for the final out. The Japanese pitcher jumped into the arms of catcher David Ross while Red Sox players rushed from the dug-out and bullpen as the Boston theme "Dirty Water" played on the public-address system.

"We have a lot of players with heart. We probably don't have the talent that we had in '07 and '04, but we have guys that are capable (of staying) focused and do the little things," Ortiz said.

There wasn't the "Cowboy Up!" comeback charm of "The

Idiot" from 2004, who swept St. Louis to end an 86-year title drought. There wasn't that cool efficiency of the 2007 team that swept Colorado.

This time, they were Boston Strong - playing for and trying to comfort a city shaken by the marathon tragedy.

"We've dealt with a lot," Dustin Pedroia said. "But our team came together."

After late-season slumps in 2010 and 2011, the embarrassing revelations of a chicken-and-beer clubhouse culture that contributed to the ouster of manager Terry Francona, and the daily tumult of Bobby Valentine's one-year flop, these Red Sox grew on fans.

Just like the long whiskers on the players' faces, starting with Gomes' scruffy spring training beard.

"As soon as we went to Fort Myers, the movie's already been written," Gomes said. "All we had to do was press play, and this is what happened."

Ortiz, the only player remaining from the 2004 champs, had himself a Ruthian World Series. He batted .688 (11 for 16) with two homers, six RBIs and eight walks—including four in the finale—for a .760 on-base percentage in 25 plate appearances. Even slumping Stephen

Drew delivered a big hit in Game 6, sending Wacha's first pitch of the fourth into the right-center bullpen.

By the time the inning was over, RBI singles by Mike Napoli and Victorino had made it 6-0, and the Red Sox were on their way.

"Hey, I missed two games. It's time to shine," Victorino said.

All over New England, from Connecticut's Housatonic River up to the Aroostook in Maine, Boston's eighth championship can be remembered for the beard-yanking bonding.

Fans bid up the average ticket price to over \$1,000 on the resale market and some prime locations went for more than \$10,000 each. Nearly all the Red Sox rooters stood in place for 30 minutes after the final out to view the presentation of the trophy and MVP award.

"It was an awesome atmosphere here tonight," Lackey said.

The win capped an emotional season for the Red Sox, one heavy with the memory of the events that unfolded on Patriots Day, when three people were killed and more than 260 wounded in bombing attacks at the Boston Marathon. The Red Sox wore "Boston Strong" logos on their left sleeves, erected a large emblem on the Green Monster and moved the logo into the center-field grass as a

constant reminder.

"There's I think a civil responsibility that we have wearing this uniform, particularly here in Boston," Farrell said. "And it became a connection initially, the way our guys reached out to individuals or to hospital visits. And it continued to build throughout the course of the season. I think our fans, they got to a point where they appreciated the way we played the game, how they cared for one another. And in return they gave these guys an incredible amount of energy to thrive on in this ballpark."

Red, white and blue fireworks fired over the ballpark as Commissioner Bud Selig presented the World Series trophy to Red Sox owners John Henry, Tom Werner and Larry Lucchino, leaving a haze over the field.

"When the fireworks went off at the presentation of the trophy out there, when the ballpark was filled with smoke, it was completely surreal," Farrell said. "To be in this position, given where we've come from, reflecting back a year ago at this time, there's been a lot that's happened in 13 months."

Players then put on goggles for the champagne celebration in the cramped clubhouse.

"They just found ways to win," Henry said. "At some point you have to think there's something special happening here."

we're here is because of him.

"He wanted to go out there and give us a chance to win, but, at the same time, we could have picked him up offensively and go out there and score runs for him and we didn't do that."

David Freese was one of the most glaring failures in the Cardinals lineup. The 2011 World Series MVP went 3 for 19 with seven strikeouts and no RBIs.

"It's tough not coming through and not putting runs on the board," Freese said, "espe-

Among the players blamed for the indifferent culture at the end of the Francona years, Lackey took the mound two days shy of the second anniversary of his elbow surgery and got his first Series win since the 2002 clincher. He pitched shutout ball into the seventh, when Carlos Beltran's RBI single ended the Cardinals' slump with runners in scoring position at 0 for 14.

Junichi Tazawa came in with the bases loaded and retired Allen Craig on an inning-ending grounder to first. Brandon Workman followed in the eighth and Uehara finished.

St. Louis had been seeking its second title in three seasons, but the Cardinals sputtered after arriving in Boston late Tuesday following a seven-hour flight delay caused by mechanical problems. Symbolic of the team's struggles, reliever Trevor Rosenthal tripped while throwing a pitch to Ortiz in the eighth, balking Pedroia to second.

Pedroia had brought back memories of Carlton Fisk's 1975 Game 6-winning home run, sending a first-inning drive about 10 feet foul of the Green Monster foul pole - and waving his left arm once to try to urge the ball fair as he came out of the batter's box.

Lackey escaped a two-on, none-out jam in the second when he retired Matt Adams and David Freese on flyouts

and, after a wild pitch, struck out Jon Jay. Boston wasted a similar threat in the bottom half, then went ahead on the third.

Jacoby Ellsbury singled leading off and took second on Pedroia's grounder. Ortiz was intentionally walked, Napoli struck out and Gomes was hit above the left elbow with a pitch, loading the bases.

Victorino, wearing red, white and blue spikes with an American flag motif, had been 0 for 10 in the Series and missed the previous two games with a bad back.

Dropped from second to sixth in the batting order, he took two balls and a called strike, then turned on a 93 mph fastball and sent it high off the 37-foot-high wall in left. Gomes slid home as Yadier Molina took Matt Holliday's one-hop throw and applied the tag, and the catcher then argued with plate umpire Jim Joyce.

Victorino, pumped with emotion, went to third on the throw and pounded his chest with both fists three times.

After Drew's homer, Lance Lynn relieved Wacha with two on, and RBI singles by Napoli and Victorino boosted Boston's lead to 6-0. Wacha entered 4-0 with a 1.00 ERA in his postseason career but gave up six runs, five hits and four walks in 3 2-3 innings, the shortest start of the 22-year-old's big league career.

phen Drew fouled out and David Ross struck out.

Wacha was in a similar jam in the third with runners at first and second and two outs. But he hit Gomes with a pitch to load the bases, the first time Wacha had done that in his pro career. Then Victorino, who had been hitless in 10 at-bats in the series, cleared the bases with a double off the Green Monster.

Victorino pounded his chest three times and yelled as he took third on the throw to the plate.

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Well done, pal.

Ortiz watched four more wide ones and trotted to first base, having piled up totals that not even slow-pitch softball players dream about: He reached base a whopping 19 times in 25 plate appearances.

"Hey, let me tell you," Ortiz said. "I was hitting well, but it wasn't like I was hitting pitches right down the middle of the plate. They were trying their best to get me out."

The sellout crowd broke into thunderous chants of "MVP! MVP!" each time Ortiz batted. Quite a turnaround for the 37-year-old slugger who badly slumped in the AL championship series.

Ortiz hit 11 for 16 (.688) with two home runs and six RBIs against the Cardinals, and just missed a grand slam when Carlos Beltran robbed him by reaching over the short bullpen wall.

Asked to describe Ortiz, manager John Farrell paused.

"Well, I'd probably rather let his bat do the talking, because it's pretty special," he said.

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Boston, they batted .167 with runners in scoring position after setting a franchise record of .330 during the regular season.

They didn't score for Wacha on Wednesday.

"He's trying," said right fielder Carlos Beltran, who reached the World Series for the first time in his 16-year career. "He did so good for us and the reason why

Father and son gain doubles crown



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Han Cheol and Young Sang You went undefeated in the Tan Holdings Open 2013 to secure the men's doubles C championship last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

The father and son tandem clinched the title and capped its perfect record with a 23-21, 22-20 victory over Eydie Uy and Ronnie Tan in the finals. It was the second meeting of the Yous and Tan and Uy, as they also dueled in the winner's bracket semifinals with the father and son pair prevailing, too, 21-18, 21-19, to book the first finals ticket.

Tan and Uy, who advanced to the semis after sweeping Patrick Fernandez and Lance Bartolome, 21-18, 21-18, fell to the loser's bracket and had to beat Bartolome and Fernandez anew, 21-6, 21-16, to get a second crack at the Yous.

In the rematch, the father and son duo earned a twice-to-beat advantage after winning its first two matches. The Yous went on to bag the championship early with another sweep against Uy and Tan in Game 1 of the finals.

Joining Han Cheol and



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Young Sang You makes a backhand return to Eydie Uy and Ronnie Tan during the men's doubles C title game in the Tan Holdings Open 2013 last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Young Sang You on the champion's circle in the men's doubles division were the pairs of Ezekiel Macario and Jordan Pangilinan and Andreu Galvez and Jexler Caranto.

Macario and Pangilinan nailed the men's doubles C championship, as they also went unbeaten in the double-elimination tournament. The eventual champions got the



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Han Cheol You receives a shot at the backcourt during his and son Young's title game against Eydie Uy and Ronnie Tan in the men's doubles C division of the Tan Holdings Open 2013 last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

title after a 21-17, 21-18 victory over Aries Cordero and Chris Hilario. The win was third in as many games for Macario and Pangilinan, who notched their first win against

Jojo Savellano and Joel Ortega. The second triumph was recorded in the semifinals with Macario and Pangilinan downing Deether Edralin and J.P. Nopia, 21-17, 21-19.

Nopia and Edralin also won its first games, prevailing against Edwin Montoya and Alvin Alvarez, 21-10, 21-15, and Cordero and Hilario, 21-16, 21-17. However, the two young players faltered anew on their finals bid after bowing to Cordero and Hilario in the loser's bracket semis, 19-21, 19-21. Hilario and Cordero kept their finals hopes alive after edging Jerry Tan and Piao, 21-14, 21-16, and Savellano and Ortega, 18-21, 21-17, 21-19.

In the men's doubles A, Galvez and Caranto survived a tough challenge from the pair of Sam Jones and Glenn Blautjens. Caranto and Galvez fell in Game 1 of the finals, 19-21, 22-20, but avoided a championship meltdown after slipping past Blautjens and Jones in the deciding Game 2, 21-18, 17-21, 21-19.

The victory was Caranto and Galvez's second against the same foe, as they prevailed in the semis outing, 21-16, 23-21. Blautjens and Jones then earned a rematch over their rivals after eliminating Macoi Aguda and Ferdie Arago in the loser's bracket semifinals, 21-10, 21-17.

Meanwhile, results in the women's doubles and mixed doubles divisions will be reported next week.

Docomo steals win, Island Floral prevails

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Docomo grabbed a 75-73 victory over NMI Contractor in the second game in the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Rolly Paraiso stole the win, canning a game-tying triple and then the go-ahead basket in the closing seconds of the game. Down by 3, 70-73, Paraiso fired from beyond the arc, made the shot, and drew a foul with nine seconds left on the clock to set Docomo's come-from-behind victory. He failed to complete the and-1 play, but got the rebound and went for another attempt that went in this time, giving Docomo the advantage, with only six seconds remaining in the match.

NMI Contractor pulled up for the last shot, but Don Brennan missed.

Paraiso top-scored for Docomo with his 17 points, nailing the team's last 7 markers and 14 in the fourth canto. He, Sison, and Juan Camacho, engineered Docomo's recovery in the fourth period, which started with NMI Contractor ahead by 8, 54-46. Camacho had 7 of his 13 points in the payoff frame, while Sison chipped in 6 and finished with 11 markers. Ryan



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Island Floral's Cecilio Bisana, seen here driving against Island Manpower in an earlier game in the DL Corp. caging, scored 16 points in their 85-59 demolition of Natural Mystic last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Sanciangco and Jimmy Tudela also had double figures for Docomo, contributing 15 and 11, respectively.

In the first game, Island Floral eased past Natural Mystic, 85-59.

Island Floral dominated Natural Mystic at the start of the second quarter, as the for-

mer dropped 31 points against the latter's 9, turning a deadlock (19-all) to a big 50-28 halftime lead. Jun Tabora led the breakaway, scoring 14 points in the second canto, while four other Island Floral players made at least two field goal apiece to outgun Natural Mystic.



Natural Mystic managed to keep pace with Island Floral only in the first quarter, as Ben Lisua sizzled from downtown, converting three triples. Lisua was then limited to 2 points in the second period and Natural Mystic made only three field goals in the meltdown to face a 22-point deficit at halftime.

Natural Mystic never recovered from thereon, as it failed to contain Tabora and company in the second half.

Tabora finished with a game-high 26 points, while Cecilio Bisana and John Jugos chipped in 16 and 11, respectively.

First Game

Island Floral 85 – Tabora 26, Bisana 16, Jugos 11, Teregeyo 8, Norita 7, Tobias 7, Lieto 5, Santos 4.

Natural Mystic 59 – Lisua 17, Pangilinan 11, Ulloa 10, Cangco 7, Reyes 4, C. Guerrero 4, Ogarto 3, T. Guerrero 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-19, 50-28, 68-38, 85-59.

Second Game

Docomo 75 – Paraiso 17, Sanciangco 15, Camacho 13, Tudela 11, Sison 11, Montes 2, Gomez 2.

NMI Contractor 73 – Brennan 23, Inos 18, Galarse 14, Pantaleon 4, Laniyo 3, Leomo 1.

Scoring by quarters: 10-19, 31-33, 46-54, 75-73.

M-League resumes competition

The M-League returned to action at the Oleai Sports Complex Field last week after cancelling games for nearly two weeks due to the inclement weather.

Sun Palace FC and the CNMI Women's National Team resumed play in Division 2 of the fall season of the league with the former notching a 2-0 victory on Oct. 23.

Both teams failed to score in the first half of the match before Sun Palace drew one goal apiece from Ho Jin Woo and Yong Chui Jang to edge its foe. Irish Pagarao made the lone goal for the CNMI Women's National Team.

In another Division 2 game last week, Shirley's FC and the Thundercats had a draw, 1-1.

Ariel Jinang put Shirley's FC in the scoreboard and on top of the first half after finding the back of the net in the 25th minute. Shirley's FC hung on

to the lead in the opening minutes of the second half before Don Cabrera made the equalizer and save the Thundercats from absorbing a loss.

Before settling for a draw against Shirley's FC, the Thundercats came from a 4-0 demolition of the CNMI

Women's National Team on Oct. 9. Makani Gramlich drilled a pair of goals in the victory, while Angelo Guevarra and Jordan Butcher added one goal apiece.

Makani drew first blood for the Thundercats, while Butcher made it a 2-0 lead at halftime. Gramlich started the scoring anew for the Thundercats in the second half, while Guevarra earned the last goal for the squad.

Meanwhile, games in the Division 1 of the M-League were played last Sunday, but the official match reports have yet to be turned in at press time. *(Rose-lynn B. Monroyo)*



MGA November Ace Sunday

The Marianas Golfers Association will hold its November Ace of the Month Tournament this Sunday at the Marianas Country Club.

Check-in time is 9am, while tee off is at 10am.



For more information on this organization and updates about upcoming tournaments, please contact J.J. Atalig at 285-4115, Greg Sablan Jr. at 483-8263, or send to email to marianasgolf670@gmail.com. *(PR)*

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Dominant Ortiz takes MVP award

BOSTON (AP) — Most Valuable Papi.

David Ortiz walked off as the World Series MVP on Wednesday night, capping a dominant week in which he spurred the Boston Red Sox over St. Louis with a mix of power, patience and a most timely pep talk.

Ortiz hoisted reliever Koji Uehara over his shoulder after the final out of a 6-1 win, then Big Papi raised the gleaming gold trophy in his crowning achievement.

"I know I'm one of the forces for this ballgame and I like to take things personal," he said. "And that's been my whole career, a challenge."

"I wasn't trying to be the guy, but I know I got to get something done to keep the line moving," he said. "I don't even have to do anything today, I guess, the rest of the team took over."

Now a three-time champion, Ortiz is the last link to the Red Sox team that swept the Cardinals in 2004 and ended an 86-year title drought.

After a while, the Cardinals simply gave up trying to stop him. Ortiz walked four times - three of them intentional - in the 6-1 win Wednesday night in Game 6 that clinched the championship.

When Ortiz came to the plate for the last time, in the eighth inning with the outcome safely in hand, Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina stood up and spoke to him in the batter's box. Molina softly patted Ortiz twice on the side, too.

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Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz applauds after defeating the St. Louis Cardinals in Game 6 of baseball's World Series Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, in Boston.



Red Sox win World Series

Boston Red Sox relief pitcher Koji Uehara and catcher David Ross celebrate after striking out St. Louis Cardinals' Matt Carpenter and ending Game 6 of baseball's World Series Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, in Boston. The Red Sox won, 6-1.

AP

BOSTON (AP)—There hasn't been a party like this in New England for nearly a century.

Turmoil to triumph. Worst to first.

David Ortiz and the Boston Red Sox, baseball's bearded wonders, capped their remarkable turnaround by beating the St. Louis Cardinals 6-1 in Game 6 on Wednesday night to win their third World Series championship in 10 seasons.

When it was over, Ortiz took a microphone on the field and addressed a city still reeling from the marathon bombings about a mile away in April.

"This is for you, Boston. You guys deserve it," said Ortiz, the Series MVP. "We've been through a lot this year and this is for all of you and all those families who struggled."

And the Red Sox didn't have to fly the trophy home. For the first time since Babe Ruth's team back in 1918, Boston won the title at Fenway Park. The 101-year-old ballpark, oldest in the majors, was packed with 38,447 singing, shouting fans anticipating a celebration 95 years in the making.

"Maybe they won't have to go another

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Wacha's Woes: Rookie's roll, Cards season, end

BOSTON (AP) — Michael Wacha finally had a rookie setback, and what a setback it was.

The hard-throwing 22-year-old who burst on the postseason scene with the poise of a veteran failed on baseball's biggest stage.

"It's an elimination game," Wacha said. "It doesn't matter how hard you're throwing if you can't locate and I wasn't able to do that."

The St. Louis Cardinals starter allowed six runs in 3 2-3 innings Wednesday night and the Boston Red Sox went on to a 6-1 win in Game 6 for their third World Series title in 10 years.

Wacha looked nothing like the right-hander who shut down the Pittsburgh Pirates once in the NL division series, the Los Angeles Dodgers twice in the championship series where he

was the MVP, and the Red Sox in Game 2 of the World Series.

When he needed to save the season of the team that tied the Red Sox for most regular-season wins with 97, he couldn't.

So his debut year that began in the minors ended in failure on the Fenway Park mound. It will take a while for him to focus on his successes.

"It's a little too soon to reflect on it," Wacha said, his arms in his back pockets and his head shaking from side to side. "It's hard right now. It's not a good feeling. Maybe in a week or so I'll be able to look back. Getting to the World Series is a tremendous accomplishment for this club, but it still hurts."

The loss ended a trip to Boston that started poorly.

The Cardinals' flight from St. Louis on Tuesday took off about 9:10 p.m., roughly six hours late, and arrived shortly after 11 p.m.

"Nobody is in a bad mood or anything like

that," Wacha said in a conference call from the plane, a few hours into the delay. "The attitude is pretty good."

Then the plane landed and he felt fine.

"I had an extra day's rest," he said. "Arm felt great. Body felt great. I just didn't make pitches."

The six runs Wacha allowed were twice as many as he gave up in his other four postseason games combined. The five hits he allowed were nearly half the 11 he gave up in his other 23 postseason innings.

"You got a kid that's been out there and so impressive," Cardinals manager Mike Matheny said. "The game is going to catch up with everybody."

And like St. Louis' other starting pitchers, he got little support.

The Cardinals led the NL with 4.8 runs per game but scored only 14 runs in the World Series, an average of 2.3. In the six games against

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St. Louis Cardinals players watch during the ninth inning of Game 6 of baseball's World Series against the Boston Red Sox Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2013, in Boston.